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US, Israel, Egypt to hold parley in Paris tomorrow

DAVID MAKOVSKY

SENIOR US, Israeli and Egyptian officials are to hold one day of talks in Paris tomorrow to discuss what officials would only refer to as "regional developments."

The officials who are to attend the talks are those most closely involved in the Middle East peace process: US special Middle East peace coordinator Dennis Ross, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's foreign policy adviser Dore Gold and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's national security adviser Osama Baz.

An official in Jerusalem suggested that the discussions may focus on the November Cairo regional economic summit, in light of Mubarak's threat to cancel the parley unless there is progress in the peace process with the Palestinians. The official insisted that the Paris meeting would be a prelude to a visit by Foreign Minister David Levy to Cairo either this week or next in a bid to ensure that the economic summit takes place as scheduled. (Continued on Page 4)

IAF chief involved in F-14 emergency landing

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

A US Navy F-14 returning OC Air Force Maj.-Gen. Eitan Ben-Eliyahu from a visit to the USS Enterprise aircraft carrier blew a tire on landing and skidded on the runway at Ben-Gurion airport yesterday.

Rescue vehicles cooled down the landing gear and Ben-Eliyahu and the US Navy pilot emerged unharmed, the IDF said.

Ben-Eliyahu had just returned from observing maneuvers aboard the American aircraft carrier currently in the region.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is also expected to be down to the aircraft carrier soon. The pride of the US Sixth Fleet, the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier is currently calling to port in Haifa, but the exercise is being conducted in international waters.

Joining Netanyahu will be the commander of the Navy, Rear Admiral Alex Tal. Together they will observe US Navy jets conducting mock attacks and staging raids.

"The message is pretty obvious. The United States and Israel are partners and we have a long and deep and full relationship and the security relationship is part of that," said Richard Scorza, spokesman for the US embassy in Tel Aviv.

He said that the visit was planned months in advance and denied that it was timed around the recent rise in verbal tensions between Israel and Syria.

Assad asks Ahmed Jibril to leave Syria

DAVID MAKOVSKY

SYRIAN President Hafez Assad last week asked the head of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command Ahmed Jibril to leave Syria and go to Iran, knowledgeable sources say.

It remains unclear whether Assad asked Jibril to leave for good and close down his group that operates in Syria, or only requested that he leave the country temporarily. There is speculation that Assad asked

Jibril to leave Damascus because he feels the domestic climate in the US is growing increasingly angry over terrorism in the wake of the bombing of US soldiers in Dahran, Saudi Arabia, and the crash of TWA Flight 800 last month. Syria remains on the US State Department Terrorism list, but publicly disassociates itself from terrorism. There is no conclusive evidence of terror-

ism in the downing of the TWA flight, but last week the US Federal Bureau of Investigation's crime lab found traces of a component of plastic explosives on a piece of plane wreckage. The component, PETN, has been used in past terrorist bombings of airplanes.

Jibril reportedly participated in a June meeting in Teheran along with members of Hizbullah and an Egyptian Islamic militant group. At the meeting he expressed interest in carrying out attacks against American interests.

So far, however, it must be stressed that there is no evidence that Jibril, who has been linked to airplane terror attacks in the past, is involved either in the TWA crash or the

Dahran attack. But there has been greater nervousness in Syria in the wake of allegations by American and non-American sources that at least five trucks filled with explosives travelled from Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, passed through Syrian soil, and have either made their way to different countries in the Gulf or to the Jordanian-Saudi border in the last few months.



New caravans are placed in Beit Hagai yesterday as part of the government's decision to ease limitations on settlements in time for the school year. (Khaled Zagher)

Gov't sources: PA has met demand to close eastern Jerusalem offices

BILL HUTMAN

THE Palestinian Authority has informed the government that it has met the demand - one of several which Israel placed as a condition for advancing the peace process - to close three PA-affiliated offices in eastern Jerusalem, government sources said yesterday.

But there was no confirmation from the office of PA Chairman Yasser Arafat, according to Wafa, the PLO's news agency which routinely carries all official announcements. "It is only a rumor, nothing more," said Wafa director Ali Hussein.

Government officials said the PA apparently continues to violate the Oslo Accords by operating Palestinian security agents in eastern Jerusalem and trying to take control of Arab schools in the city.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told Channel 1 that the government was still waiting for verification of the PA's claim it had closed its offices in the city.

Khalil Toufik, director of the

maps department of the Palestinian Geography Center, one of the offices the government demanded closed, confirmed that on Saturday he was informed by PA officials in Gaza that he must shut down his office.

Palestinian officials have for some time maintained that the demand for the closure of the Sports and Youth Department was obsolete, as the office had moved to Ramallah even before the government asked that it be shut down.

The third office the government demanded be closed, the Palestinian Vocational Center in Beit Hanina, appeared to still be in operation yesterday. Palestinian officials said the center is not connected to the PA, so the government's demand was unfounded.

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PM-Arafat meeting may follow Hebron deal

Weizman, Netanyahu play down rift

BATSHEVA TSUR and DAVID MAKOVSKY

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu last night took one step closer to meeting Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat, saying he would do so if such an encounter were "substantive and not ceremonial."

But officials in the Prime Minister's Office sharply denied a Channel 1 report that such a meeting would be held in two weeks.

While one official said he foresaw no such meeting, another indicated that it would be linked to a successful conclusion of an Israeli-Palestinian deal for modified IDF redeployment in Hebron. Palestinian officials, however, say they refuse to modify terms for a Hebron pullback.

In an interview on Channel 1 last night, Netanyahu veered from his standard response since coming to power that he would only "consider" meeting Arafat if he deemed it essential for Israel's security that he do so.

Last night, he indicated that he would indeed meet Arafat, but he wanted to make sure that the meeting would be "substantive and lead to results" and not just ceremonial. The meeting "depends upon developments and not upon dates," he said, alluding to progress on the peace process.

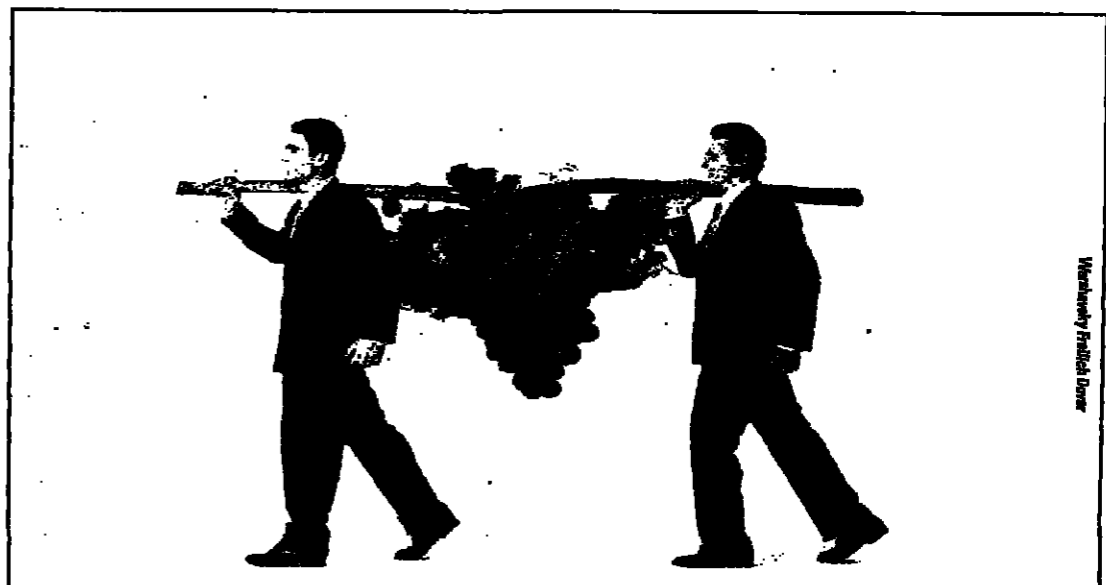
Netanyahu made clear that once issues of Hebron and mutual recriminations about violations were resolved, this would "clear the table" and make "talks on final status" possible. Under the Oslo Accords, those talks began in May 1996 and are to be concluded three years later.

Earlier in the day, President Ezer Weizman and Netanyahu resolved a crisis between them over the peace process by announcing that Weizman would meet with Arafat, probably in the near future, while the exact time of the meeting would be fixed in consultation with Netanyahu.

Officials at the Prime Minister's Office said Netanyahu has an agreement from Weizman to link the date of the meeting to Palestinian concessions at the negotiating table, and that the prime minister will decide when that time will be.

Beit Hanassi said last night that Weizman would respond to a letter from Arafat requesting the meeting in the next few days.

Weizman and Netanyahu met in the morning at Beit Hanassi amid a media flap over a report that Weizman had insisted on inviting Arafat to his home in Caesarea unless Netanyahu agreed to meet the PA leader soon. (Continued on Page 4)



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Ezra: Gov't must make more concessions to PA

EVELYN GORDON

THE government is not making enough concessions to the Palestinian Authority, and is thereby endangering PA Chairman Yasser Arafat's survival, Likud MK Gideon Ezra charged yesterday.



IDF Chief of Staff Lt-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak visits at Nahariya Government Hospital with Avishai Shafir, the soldier who was seriously wounded in the friendly fire incident in Lebanon last week.

Hizbullah gunmen fire at IDF tank

DAVID RUDGE and news agencies

HIZBULLAH gunmen fired Sagger anti-tank missiles at an IDF tank in the western sector of the security zone yesterday.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Netanyahu: Cairo summit still on Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu told the country's leading business people last night that the Cairo economic summit is still going ahead as planned.

Trans-Israel highway may be moved eastward National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon and Environment Minister Rafael Eitan agreed yesterday to examine the possibility of moving the Trans-Israel Highway eastward.

Meeting to avert teachers' strike The chairman of the Secondary Schools Teachers Association, Shosh Oren, is to meet today with Treasury wage chief Yossi Kutchik in an attempt to avert a teachers' strike on the eve of the opening of the new school year.

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Meretz to call for special Knesset session on failure to redeploy in Hebron

EVELYN GORDON

MERETZ is working to collect signatures from 30 MKs to force a special Knesset debate on the government's failure to redeploy in Hebron.

Beduin petition against resettlement plan

EVELYN GORDON

A MEMBER of the Jahalin Beduin tribe petitioned the High Court of Justice yesterday against the site the IDF chose as the tribe's new home.

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Labor leaders blast Netanyahu for 'stalemating peace process'

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

LABOR'S leadership yesterday commended President Ezer Weizman for agreeing to meet Palestinian Authority chairman Yasser Arafat, and blasted Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu for failing to do so.

Driver killed avoiding dogs

A 34-year-old Beersheba woman was killed and five people were injured - including a month-old infant - in Beersheba yesterday when the woman hit a truck head-on.

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Kazakhstan's chief rabbi Yeshaya Cohen (right) and the rabbi of Samarkand Emmanuel Shimonov dance during festivities devoted to the cornerstone-laying of Kazakhstan's first synagogue in Almaty. (Reuters)

Masorti movement converted Moslems after Rabbinate refused to act

HAIM SHAPIRO

THE Masorti movement has converted several Moslems to Judaism after the Chief Rabbinate indicated that it wanted nothing to do with them, according to Rabbi Einat Ramon, spokesperson of the movement.

Ramon said the latest group of 15 from Europe and Asia had participated in conversion classes held in Masorti congregations around the country before taking part in a ceremony at Kibbutz Hanaton. She said the participants had gone to the Masorti movement even though they knew its conversions were not officially recognized by the state.

According to Rabbi Andrew Sacks, head of the movement's office for religious services, not only will the Rabbinate not deal with anyone who is Moslem, it

also refuses to deal with any prospective convert who is not white.

Meanwhile, the movement is waiting for the reply of the Interior Ministry as to why it has not registered as Jews the adopted infants converted at Kibbutz Hanaton last year.

Following a petition to the High Court of Justice, the court gave the ministry until August 31 to respond.

In another development, the Reform movement said yesterday that it was opening a conversion institute in Jerusalem. Anat Galil-Blum, spokesperson for the Reform movement's Israel Religious Action Center, said hundreds of potential converts were already participating in a similar institute in Tel Aviv.

Survey: Israelis prefer higher cigarette tax to higher health charges

JUDY SIEGEL

NEARLY nine out of 10 Israelis — including many smokers — would prefer that cigarette taxes be hiked, instead of implementing the government's proposal to charge for a visit to a health fund doctor.

According to a July survey conducted by the Admati Institute in Ramat Gan for the Health Ministry's Occupational Health Service — but not yet released by the ministry spokesman's office — raising cigarette taxes is a very popular proposal, as is either barring all smoking on flights to and from Israel or allowing smoking on only a quarter of the flights.

The survey of a representative national sample of 500 adults found that only 21 percent of the smokers preferred to pay for a visit to the health fund doctor over shelling out more money for cigarettes. As for smoking during airline flights, 27% of all those questioned said smoking should be completely barred in the plane. According to existing regulations, passengers on flights that take longer than two hours may light up in the smoking section (most flights to and from Israel are longer than this). A quarter voted for continuing the status quo, while 47% favored allowing smoking on only a quarter of the flights to a certain destination or drastically reducing the number of smoking flights.

A few weeks ago, the Israel Cancer Association and Israel Society for the Prevention of Smoking filed a suit in the High Court of Justice on behalf of four El Al stewards; they asked for a temporary injunction against the transportation minister demanding that smoking be banned on all Israeli flights to and from the country. A 1994 law bars smoking in all workplaces, but only if they are located in buildings. The stewards said their occupations endangered their health.

Health Minister Tzahi Hanegbi promised to support the stewards' demand for an injunction against Transportation Minister Yitzhak Levy. A week ago, Hanegbi met with the Israel Public Forum Against Smoking and promised to take serious action to reduce smoking in Israel.

The minister has not yet decided whether to follow in the footsteps of President Bill Clinton, who last week instructed the US Food and Drug Administration to regard tobacco as an "addictive drug." This would allow legal restrictions on the sale of cigarettes to minors, barring cigarette dispensing machines, limiting sponsorship of entertainment events by tobacco companies and setting up a \$150 million no-smoking campaign among youths from tobacco taxes and cigarette advertising costs.

Health Ministry checking for bacteria in fish ponds

JUDY SIEGEL

THE Health Ministry is to conduct lab tests of fish ponds in the north to check for contaminated water believed to be responsible for the serious illness of three people hospitalized after eating fish.

The ministry said the patients all suffer from chronic illnesses that weakened their immune system and the body's ability to fight off bacteria from the fish.

A 56-year-old resident of Upper Nazareth is in serious condition at Afula's Ha'emek Hospital after bacteria from pond fish caused gangrene in the palms of his hands. He is receiving intensive antibiotic therapy, and some of his fingers will have to be amputated, doctors said. The man suffers from chronic liver disease, and the fish was apparently inadequately cooked.

Police, who are investigating the incident, said the man bought the fish from a street stand near Moshav Nahalal.

Two other people were hospitalized in recent months with the same complaint, but the ministry did not issue a warning earlier in order not to cause panic.

The bacteria, of the genus *Vibrio*, are found in fish and seafood. Cooking fish well kills the microorganisms, and the toxins they produce, but if undercooked, they can quickly cause illness. Healthy people can recover from the symptoms (diarrhea and fever) in a few days, but those with weakened immune systems may be threatened.

Doctors advise wearing gloves while cleaning fish. People with weak immune systems and chronic illness such as diabetes, cancer or liver disease should not handle raw fish, and any fish they eat should be well cooked.

70% of sheep and cattle slaughtered illegally, warns vet

DAVID HARRIS

SEVENTY percent of the sheep and cattle slaughtered here every year, or 170,000 animals, are killed illegally in unsanitary and unsupervised conditions, chief veterinarian Arnon Shimshoni said yesterday.

The problem is particularly prevalent among Arab communities in the North, but also includes Jewish slaughterhouses, Shimshoni told Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan.

The vast majority of meat eaten in Israel is imported.

Vets operating in the North discovered one such unsanitary operation.

They found that calves with serious infections were being sent from Tamra for slaughter in Shfaram. Shimshoni described this practice as "astonishing" and called for the establishment of a new slaughterhouse in the North, in an attempt to eradicate such malpractice.

Eitan said ministry staff must do their utmost to eliminate the problem.

He also instructed that a committee be set up to look at ways of tightening up health laws, operating licenses, sanitation and of offering help and advice to the police.

If needs be, businesses will be closed down, reports will be filed with the police and infected cattle and sheep will be destroyed, Eitan said. He also approved Shimshoni's suggestion of the immediate construction of a new slaughterhouse.

Judy Siegel adds: The Health Ministry emphasized that the 70 percent figure apparently referred to the meat slaughtered in unsupervised slaughterhouses. Meat sold in the supermarkets and by other recognized suppliers comes under strict supervision.

Meat slaughtered in Israel should not be purchased from unidentified sources. Restaurants with licenses from the local authorities and the Health Ministry supply meat that is legally slaughtered and supervised, the ministry noted.

Court upholds prisoners' right to freedom of expression

EVELYN GORDON

A PRISONER has the right to author a newspaper column, the High Court of Justice ruled yesterday in a split decision.

The court was ruling on the case of Avi Golan, who is currently serving 10.5 years for various counts of fraud, forgery and fleeing custody. In 1989, while in Ashkelon prison, Golan wrote a few pieces about prison life which a local paper in Ashdod accepted — though, according to the Prisons Service, without its permission. Golan was later transferred to Ashmoret Prison and, in 1994, he asked permission to submit similar pieces to a local Netanya paper. The Prisons Service refused and the Tel Aviv District Court, to whom Golan appealed, upheld this decision. Golan then petitioned the High Court.

Golan, represented by the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, argued that the Prisons Service's decision violated both his freedom of expression and his freedom of occupation. The Prisons Service responded that it had a general policy of preventing contact between prisoners and the press, except in special cases, because such contact gave the prisoners enormous power among both warden and fellow prisoners. Furthermore, Golan had proven that he could not be trusted to report the truth; some of his previous pieces spread damaging lies, the service said.

Golan responded that he would restrict his pieces only to his personal experiences, and would allow the service to censor them before submitting them, but the Prisons Service rejected this offer, saying it was not equipped to perform this task. Justices Eliahu Mazza and Dalia Dorner, with Mishael Cheshin dissenting, accepted the petition.

Freedom of expression is a fundamental right, which even prisoners must enjoy, they said. This right can be limited by prison necessities, such as security needs or the protection of other prisoners, they continued, but limitations on such a fundamental right should be imposed only in cases of dire necessity.

In this case, the justices said, there is certainly nothing wrong with a prisoner writing about his experiences for the press.

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Another cave-in

LAST week's decision to permanently shelve plans to establish a National Security Council is an additional link in a chain of failures on the part of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu...

Had Netanyahu even succeeded in partially implementing the grandiose restructuring of the Prime Minister's Office... it would have meant a true revolution in the nation's political balance of power...

As any first year student of politics could have predicted, the proposed restructuring of the Prime Minister's Office was met by stiff opposition from a number of entrenched interests, ranging from cabinet ministers and the Bank of Israel to the civil service...

Even granting the fact that realistically speaking, there is only so much change any political system can undergo in a short period of time, the government's quick abandonment of virtually all of its grand plans... puts into question the extent to which the prime minister is willing to dig in over an issue of principle...

For example, there are indications that the government's backtracking on economic

issues in recent weeks, after its strong initial budget-cutting decisions, is unsettling the business community and the markets, who are always averse to uncertainty...

The decision not to establish a National Security Council is another example of Netanyahu's caving in to pressure, this time mainly from the Defence Ministry which feared that a new security body would diminish its role...

It is customary to grant a new government 100 days of grace and it may be the case that the prime minister's staff still needs a crash course in the art of operating the Israeli political system...



Together is not better

Responding to news that opposition leader Shimon Peres has been holding talks with National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon... it is a possibility of forming a national unity government...

SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF reportedly indirectly involved in phoning tapping during the 1993 municipal elections. True, most of the phones tapped were cellular phones...

of agreeing to talk with Syria about an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights. Perhaps he can. The only way to find out is letting him try his own way... by trying to force him to adopt Labor's way...

What is surprising is that Peres is not only willing to publicly consider a non-existing option, but seems to believe that it is worth reaching out for. Any way you look at it, at this juncture a national unity government is the worst option from a Labor perspective.

From Labor's viewpoint there are two basic things wrong with the current government: first of all, its personal make-up, and second, its ideological make-up.

In the meantime Labor has a lot of work to do to put its own house in order. First of all, a new leadership must be elected and installed...

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NO SOLUTION

Sir, - In a desperate attempt to reassure themselves that their position in America is secure, certain American Jewish notables have begun to publicly suggest various long-range "solutions" to the Pollard case - solutions that allow them to forestall facing the truth...

THE ZOA

Sir - Marilyn Henry (August 19) disapproves of the wording of the very brief description of the Zionist Organization of America that appears in the current American Jewish Year Book...

COUNTERPRODUCTIVE

Sir, - Michael Oren's condescending, patronizing tone ("Scared of the stranger," August 9) is counterproductive. Dore Gold and his fellow Americans are not the only olim to have come of their free will...

UNITY OF JERUSALEM

Sir, - Lord Jakobovits has publicly stated that the recent article in the London Sunday Telegraph was utterly dishonest, disreputable and a total distortion of his views. The Jerusalem Post report of July 29 by Douglas Davis, which quoted from the Telegraph, was therefore incorrect.

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NETANYAHU WAS in a terrible hurry to present his government to the Knesset two and a half weeks after the elections...

The writer is a political scientist. Replacing foreign workers from distant countries with Palestinians and Jordanians could foster warm neighborly relations, if they're treated decently.

Politics at the bourse

The recent panic about the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange is artificial and politically motivated. To understand what is happening, one should study - in detail - the Bejski Report into the 1983 bank shares collapse.

YOHANAN RAMATI Yet when the inevitable collapse occurred, the Likud did not dare to take over the banks, sell them off abroad and pay off some of the state's foreign debt.

Some of the "panic" selling may have been a deliberate attempt to persuade the public that the foreign policy of the new government is "destroying the stock exchange."

The new realistic level of most shares might not suit speculators banking on "peace" rather than on real assets

bank share scandal.

TODAY, THE Tel Aviv stock market is still controlled by the same interests, though the influence of the Histadrut and the kibbutzim has decreased as they are virtually bankrupt. Speculating on alleged "economic benefits of the peace process," pushed most shares to levels far beyond their worth.

We have seen and heard Dr. Gold on TV and read his views expressed in your paper before his appointment to his present post. His supercilious, arrogant manner did not help to endear him to those who believe in and wish for a peaceful new Middle East.

MORTON A. KLEIN, National President, Zionist Organization of America, New York. DEFENSIVE DRIVING Sir, - I refer to my letter of August 12 about defensive driving training programs...

DR. ELIZABETH E. EPLER, Jerusalem.

JOSEPH KATZ, Hadera.

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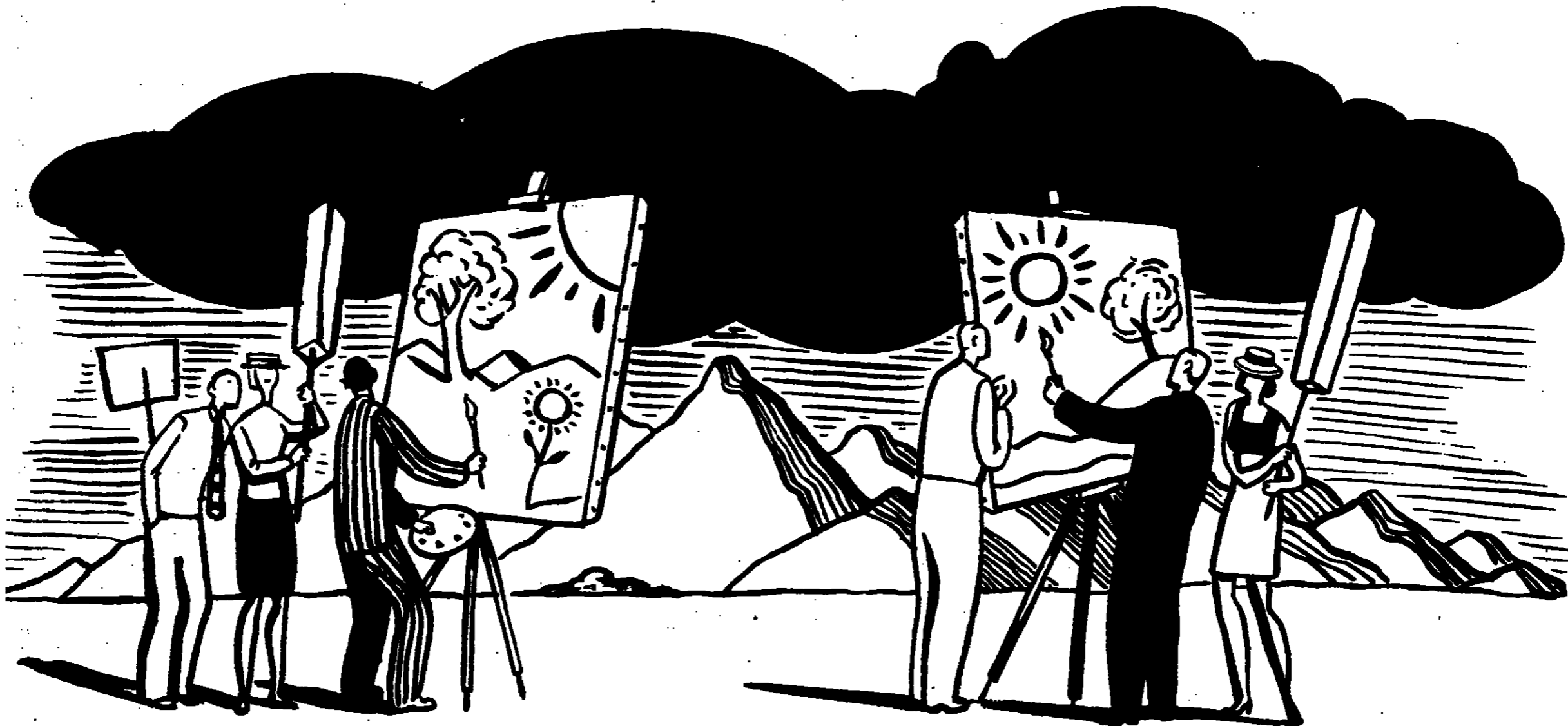
Workers not slaves

YOSEF GOELL

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Recession Proofed

How Both Sides Joined the Supply Side



Alison Settler

By LOUIS UCHITELLE

BOB DOLE and Bill Clinton are counting on finishing out the century without a recession. The word rarely, if ever, comes up in their election campaigns. Both candidates are pitching economic policies that assume that Americans, no matter how debt-laden or uncertain about the future, will go on buying all that this economy can produce. The two political parties have arrived at an unusual, unstated consensus. They have both decided, in effect, that demand is simply not going to falter enough to drop the nation into recession. The issue, instead, for this election is not demand but supply — producing more for

the nation's ever-eager buyers. And Bill Clinton has joined Bob Dole as a supply sider, Democratic style. "Our growth policies are supply side," said Joseph E. Stiglitz, chairman of President Clinton's Council of Economic Advisers. "Supply side," popularized by Republicans, has come to mean cutting taxes. Lower taxes, the Republicans insist, will encourage wage earners to work harder and businesses to invest more in machinery and equipment. But "supply side" is actually a broader term meaning any policy intended to increase the capacity of the economy to produce more — a goal that everyone wants but no supply-side policy has yet clearly achieved. The Clinton Administration pushes supply-side outlays for education and training to make workers more

productive. The centerpiece of Mr. Clinton's economic policy is deficit reduction, a supply-side attempt to shift money from government to private hands, where it would be invested more productively. "What is peculiar is that both the Democrats and the Republicans are campaigning on the assumption that the problem of demand has been solved," said Paul David, a Stanford University economist, "and full employment" — meaning plenty of demand — "can be maintained." Coming to such a conclusion means putting aside an array of "demand-side" policies stretching back to John Maynard Keynes and the Depression. Out of this period

came the view that supply was not the problem. The economy too often produced more than people could buy. The issue was helping to increase demand, with the Government often stepping in as a public spender to give the economy a boost. The demand-side approach has been dying for 20 years. In its place, supply-side policies, unproven yet, are nevertheless embraced by politicians with sunny optimism, as if they were advocating blue skies for July 4. Everyone is for productivity and expansion, in effect synonyms for supply side. On the other hand, talking about what to do to increase demand if a recession develops can be thorny, although pertinent. Getting

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Electoral College Strategies

The Only Campaign Number That Matters: 270

By RICHARD L. BERKE

CHICAGO THE WHITE HOUSE set off a torrent of speculation in political circles last week when it disclosed that the old lighthouse in Michigan City, Ind., would be the last stop on President Clinton's train trip this week en route to Chicago and the Democratic National Convention. Was it signaling that the Democrats would make a play for Indiana, a state the party had lost in the last seven Presidential elections? The more likely explanation was that Indiana would be an obvious stop for the unwieldy Presidential entourage along its route through the Midwest. Or, maybe Mr. Clinton wanted a glimpse of the picturesque dunes off Lake Michigan. There was also chatter when the newly minted ticket of Bob Dole and Jack Kemp headed for the forbidden political turf of New York after their convention. Did that mean Republicans would spend millions to contest a state that has solidly been in the Democratic column? Or, for sentimental reasons, did Mr. Kemp simply want to return to Buffalo, where he was a star quarterback for the Bills?

The Real Race

Such speculation, over strategies real or imagined, occurs with good reason. With one convention down and one to go, the sprint to Nov. 5 is nearly under way. And all the media fixation on national opinion polls notwithstanding, the contest for the White House ultimately boils down to a state-by-state competition: to win, a candidate must pile up 270 of the 538 Electoral College votes. As the incumbent President well knows, that doesn't even require a popular majority.



In hunting Electoral College votes, Bob Dole, framed by corn in Springfield, Ill., keeps Clinton guessing. His foe returns the favor.

This all-important race for electoral votes — really 51 separate winner-take-all contests including the District of Columbia — is an exercise not only in raw politicking but trickery. The two major party candidates each start out with the same sum of Federal money — roughly \$70 million apiece — which means in practical terms that they cannot hope to be competitive in every state and that they therefore must make crucial decisions about where to focus resources.

Chest-Beating

But for as long as they can get away with it, the opposing camps don't reveal which states they are serious about competing in. The last thing they want to do is divulge their spending plans to their opponents — or let hundreds of thousands of voters in a state know that they are being written off. Although the outcome could hinge on bitter contests in 20 or so states, the campaigns for now are behaving as if they will do the impossible: bombard every state with costly TV ad campaigns. "Now, you can say anything you want and get away with it," said Douglas Sosnik, the White House political director. "But a month from now when you start putting your money down, the bravado and chest-beating take on less importance. You can't put everything everywhere. You have to start making tough choices." Thus far, however, the checks have not been written. So the campaigns play games. Consider California. Many savvy Republicans doubt that Mr. Dole can win California unless he comes upon some miraculous way to boost his popularity there substantially and quickly; thus they believe it would be a mistake for him to compete in the state. But Mr. Dole's partisans, citing a new Field Poll

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America, wealth has yet to trickle down.

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Ideas & Trends

Why America Pays To Play Top Executives

By MARK LANDLER

WHEN Alex J. Mandl got a \$20 million signing bonus last week for quitting AT&T to run an obscure wireless telephone company...

Big corporate names can help anchor a company and entice investors.

Jordan, who is earning \$25 million for one season with the Chicago Bulls, or Shaquille O'Neal, who has a seven-year, \$120 million deal with the Los Angeles Lakers.

The business world now yearns for marquee executives — and is increasingly willing to compensate them like film stars or franchise players.

The 'Great Man' Theory

In such a vertiginous environment, where new industries seem to spring up overnight while old ones are snuffed out, big-name executives act as anchors.

"Academics, journalists and securities analysts have all become bewitched with the 'great man' theory of business," said Jeffrey A. Sonnenfeld, the director of the Center for Leadership and Career Studies at Emory University.

In corporate America, what separates stars from working stiffs is not always clear. As AT&T's president, the 52-year-old Mr. Mandl had just enough heft to make the cut.

Perception matters as much as reality, though, and in Mr. Mandl's case, a dollop of myth-making helped. Newspaper and magazine articles routinely refer to him as a brash leader who chafed in the stodgy confines of AT&T.



Alex J. Mandl, former president of AT&T, got a \$20 million bonus from an obscure phone company.

Rotary Club crowd. In reality, he is rather low-key and reserved. One senior AT&T executive said Mr. Mandl was so aloof he had trouble galvanizing his colleagues behind his strategy for propelling AT&T into the newly deregulated telecommunications market.

But Mr. Mandl's skills are almost beside the point. The owners of his new company, Associated Communications, would like to take their venture public in the next year or so.

"What you need is a signal that you have what it takes to succeed," said Robert H. Frank, an economist at Cornell University and the co-author, with Philip J. Cook, of "The Winner Takes All Society" (Martin Kessler/Free Press, 1995).

The Flop Threat

The danger in hiring celebrity executives is that — much as a star athlete can get injured or a blockbuster actor can make a flop — the big-name boss may never end up building a good company.

Barry Diller, the creator of the Fox network, brought Hollywood glamor to the dowdy business of home shopping when he became chairman of the QVC cable channel in 1992.

John Sculley, the charismatic former chairman of Apple Computer, resigned in 1993 to run a small wireless company, Spectrum Information Technologies.

Such horror stories aside, Mr. Mandl's new employers may have already made the right decision in hiring him. The shares of Associated Group, which owns 53 percent of Mr. Mandl's venture, rose \$6.75 in the 48 hours after his appointment was announced.

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD

WHAT'S MY LINE?

BY FRAN AND LOU SABIN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS
1 Actress Thompson
5 Punk
9 Peggy Wood title role on early TV
13 Static
18 Carolina —
19 Oh, what a relief it is!

Crossword grid with numbers 1 through 115 indicating starting positions for words.

- DOWN
1 Pundit
2 Shady spot
3 Corporation headquartered in Moline, Ill.
4 Actor Reeves
5 Bushbucks
6 Modern designs
7 Guzzle
8 Beginning
9 Deli offerings

- 107 Tennis event
108 "Love Song" (1929 hit)
109 Deco doyen
110 "A Lesson From
111 Kind of bog
112 Better
113 Library poster message
114 Low peaty lands
115 Bretons, e.g.

- 27 Not happy with
28 "Plain Language From Truthful James" writer
29 Outdoor dinner
34 "Excuse me"
35 Rarely seen
36 Kind of financing
37 One of the U.S. coins
38 Investigate, with "around"

- 39 Natty
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41 Ewelike
42 Revolutionary name
43 Get — out of
44 Actor Reeves
46 Modern designs
47 Guzzle
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49 Deli offerings
55 General Foods product
56 French vineyard
57 Cause for a blessing, maybe
59 Stars & Stripes, e.g.
60 Moderates
61 1996 Madonna role
62 Holiday companion
63 Tartan skirt
64 Westminster Abbey poet
65 Hosiery thread
66 "Holy smokes!"
67 "Valley, Calif.

- 72 Argued, as a claim
73 Innkeeper's spread
74 It picks up the pace
75 Unhearing
76 Governess of Thornfield
77 Nursery rhyme boy
78 Diderot or Voltaire: Var.
80 Mean words
81 Rightmost column
82 Campbell, of fashion
88 Wait on
89 Villain's lament
90 Holmes girl and others
91 Brewery output
92 Like the yak
93 Tony-winning Rivera
95 Like some personalities
96 "The better — you with"

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Both Sides Join the Supply Side

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through the next Presidential term without a recession would mean a record 10 years without one — not impossible, but hardly a sure thing.

"It is pretty clear there won't be a recession before the election in November," said Robert M. Solow, an economist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Debating solutions in advance means reminding voters that things could get bad soon, a pessimism no Presidential candidate wants to indulge in. It also means debating whether the Federal Reserve is manipulating interest rates properly, keeping them low enough to encourage borrowing and spending.

Then there is the issue of whether to increase public spending, an inevitable theme in any discussion of how to avoid a recession. But public spending means more government, just when both parties are advocating less.

Expansion Forever

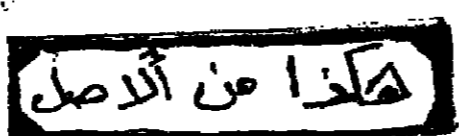
No wonder, then, that Laura D'Andrea Tyson, who presides over the National Economic Council at the White House, said in an interview, "There is no reason to predict the end of this economic expansion."

Most economists are happy to see supply-side economics front and center. Over the last 15 years, they say, the economic system has learned to keep demand robust so that Americans are busy, most of the time, buying all the nation can produce.

Even Mr. Solow, who shares the view that the economy today is responding to demand with all its capacity, nevertheless would not mind testing to see if there just might be room for more demand.

That sort of talk is not likely at the Democratic convention in Chicago this week. Nor is recession policy likely to surface, although some in the Administration are toying with the thought of accusing Mr. Dole of advocating irresponsible tax cuts that would bring on a recession.

Ms. Tyson comes close to making the accusation, even using the "R" word. "If we change course," she said, meaning change course from Mr. Clinton's "even-keeled" policies, "if we move off a credible path to balancing the budget, to continued deficit reduction, that would cause interest rates to rise, slowing the economy and risking a recession."



The World

Asia's Path to More Equality and More Money for All

By PETER PASSELL

BOB DOLE says he wants to cut taxes, proposing a 15 percent across-the-board cut in income taxes. And he wants to give the rich a bigger cut: he has proposed halving the capital gains tax, from 28 percent to 14 percent. The rationale? Cutting taxes on investment income means that there will be more savings to invest, translating into more risk-taking enterprise, more innovation and, ultimately, more growth.

Most Americans remember this idea from the Reagan era, when it was dismissed as "trickle-down economics" by liberals — who were, in turn, accused of fomenting class warfare. But few know that it was a manifestation of a broader, long-running debate in economic circles: is the care and



In Brazil's boom, the rich got richer. But slums, like this hillside settlement in Rio de Janeiro, shown in 1992, grew with the economy.

From the Pacific rim and Latin America, lessons about concentrated wealth.

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Stuck at the Top

There were other factors in the failure of Latin American wealth to trickle down. Education, for example. Latin America squandered resources on universities that served only the children of the elite.

East Asia, by contrast, invested heavily in mass education, which can either be viewed as social enlightenment or a matter of necessity. "When the only resource is people, you invest in people," said Gustav Ranis, an economist at Yale.

Then there's the colonial legacy. While the Japanese were hardly a benevolent bunch, their occupation left parts of East Asia with railroads, telephone systems and roads that made industrialization easier. What's more, notes Alice Amsden, an economist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Taiwan and Korea inherited Japanese-created banking systems that were far more effective in allocating capital to productive enterprise than the banks in Latin America.

Asia's leveled playing field has produced a far larger middle class. And this group defies the assumption that savings come easier in societies with highly concentrated wealth. East Asians save a high proportion of their income, while in Latin America growth has been constrained by very low savings rates.

Why did economists swallow the idea that social justice was the enemy of growth? Perhaps it was the not-so-subtle impact of the cold war, of a time when the West found it convenient to rationalize the excesses of anti-Communist regimes. But the obvious success of East Asia is forcing economists toward subtler interpretations of the relationship between income distribution and a strong economy. Perhaps economists are not the only people who can take lessons away from Asia's model.

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Mensa's 50th Birthday

Games in the Name of Brains

By SARAH LYALL

MENSA was founded 50 years ago in Oxford, by a pair of Englishmen who wanted to create a society for people whose only common quality was an uncommon intelligence, or, alternatively, who were able to meet Mensa's standards for being in the top 2 percent of the population intellectually — roughly an I.Q. of at least 148.

Since then, Mensa (Latin for "table," suggesting a gathering of great minds) has seen its super-smart reputation tarnished somewhat. In recent years, there have been allegations of financial impropriety by the group's now-former executive director. There has been a much-ridiculed proposal to start a depository for Mensan super-sperm in California. And there has been a growing public perception that, in the words of the writer Christopher Hitchens, Mensa is basically just a "singles club for nerds."

But at London's Metropole Hotel, where some 1,100 of the brighter-than-average gathered last week to celebrate Mensa's 50th anniversary, all was running smoothly. Most members, in fact, professed not to have read Mr. Hitchens's scathing denouncement in the current issue of Vanity Fair magazine, in which he describes taking a Mensa I.Q. test that, among other things, gave him a list of words (house, school, dog, cinema, church) and asked, Which does not belong? (Dog.)

Beam Them Up

Unbloodied and unbowed, the group went about happily doing what anyone does at a convention: socializing, flirting, sightseeing, drinking too much, forming cliques, staying up late, and listening to lectures ("My Life as an Erotic Artist," was the offering on Wednesday, given by Mark Hutchenreuther). But with all that aggressive extra intelligence floating around, there was a feeling here that if the world really is divided into "us" and "them," then Mensans are "us."

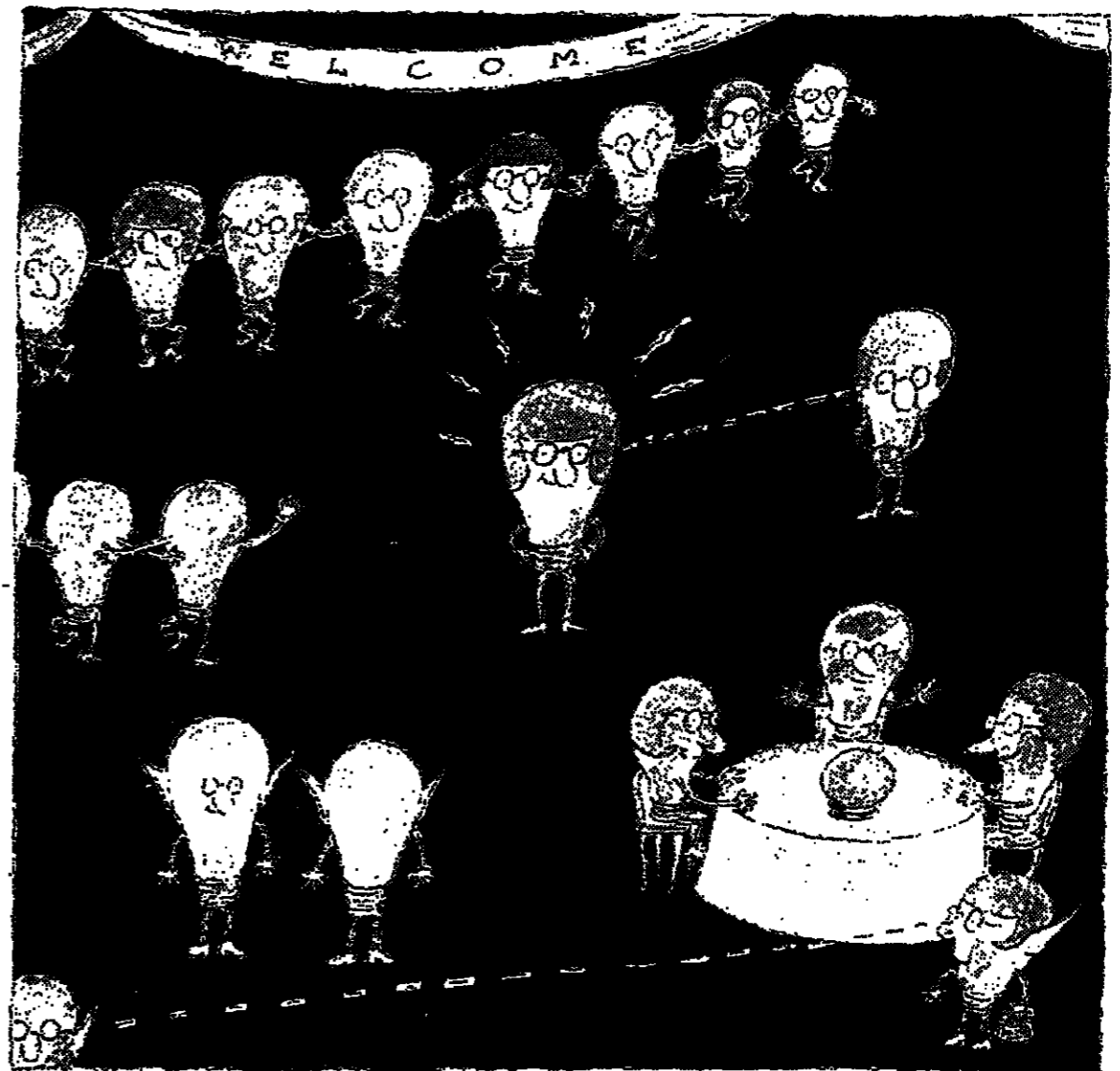
When I joined Mensa, it was the first place where I felt I could be totally relaxed," said Megan Edwards, 43, who lives in a 32-foot mobile home and travels around the United States, editing an on-line magazine called "Road Trip America." "You could let on that you were interested in things, something it's harder to do in the wider world."

For 47-year-old Steev (yep, two e's in the middle) Schmidt, who works for the California Department of Education, Mensa means meeting people "who are at the same level as you intellectually."

"Conversation might start out very similarly as it does with regular people: How are you? Where are you from?" he said. "But then if you happen to mention something that is a keen interest of yours — say, nuclear power — then they could talk intelligently about it."

The convention gave members a chance to see old friends, to visit the London Dungeon (the museum of medieval horrors) and to mingle with the Gallic chapter of Mensa on a day trip to Paris. It also gave them the opportunity to learn about the vast array of Mensa special interest groups — sub-groups of the smart.

There was a group for pagan Mensans, a group for people who like Italian, a group of Mensans who believe in the occult, a group for those interested in politics. There was the Star Trek group ("In 'The Enemy Within,' I can understand why the landing party couldn't beam



Victoria Roberts

up," gripes one contributor in the current newsletter, "but what was wrong with sending down a shuttle?")

Mensans bristle at the prevailing stereotype about them: that they are lonely losers who rarely wash and who exhibit all the social skills of Dustin Hoffman's idiot savant in "Rain Man."

"A lot of people refer to us as 'Densans,'" said Erika Barrows, 61, a retired elementary school music teacher who lives in Medford, Ore.

"Yeah, people who can't pass the Mensa test," said her husband, Thor, 66, a retired government training officer.

"We often get asked, 'If you're so smart, why aren't you rich?'" Mrs. Barrows said.

But the Barrowses admit to having met their share of Mensa weirdos, like the members who arrived at one meeting with their herd of goats, in order to publicize their new Mensa commune. Another member came to a dinner party, only to spend the evening sleeping under the Barrowses' grand piano. He was not drunk, Mrs. Barrows said. "I guess he just didn't have very good

socialization skills."

Joking aside, members say that some outsiders are extremely impressed at their ultra-bright status. "I know a plastic surgeon who joined just so he could put the magazines around the waiting room," said Nancy Wilson, 56, of Petaluma, Calif., a lover of trivia who cleans up at Mensa party word games and who, among other things, once won almost \$10,000 on "Jeopardy." "Plastic surgeons," she said, "are really concerned with appearances."

Why do people join Mensa? "It's easier to communicate, because people are making an effort that they don't always make in the real world," Mr. Schmidt said. "Of course, that could be the nature of social organizations, which are by definition social."

Mr. Barrows said it was a question of finding somewhere to fit in, finally.

"A lot of people join because it's the only club that will take them that they can tolerate," he said. "Who was it who said he wouldn't join any club that would have him as a member? Well, this is that club."



Associated Press

Arundhati Ghose, India's ambassador at the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva, said the treaty was unacceptable.

India Bucks The Test Ban Treaty

THE Clinton Administration lost a big one this week, when India torpedoed more than two years of negotiations on a treaty that would end all nuclear testing.

Although President Clinton has repeatedly promised in speeches that the pact would be signed this year, when the final moments came at the 61-nation Conference on Disarmament in Geneva, the President, critics say, failed to pick up the phone and lean on world leaders to get India to sign the test ban treaty. Indians say that would not have changed things. Arundhati Ghose, India's negotiator, said that the treaty as written would subject her country to unacceptable pressure and that New Delhi won't sign till the nuclear powers pledge to destroy their existing weapons, a proposal rejected by most of the countries at the conference, including the United States.

Australia is now stepping up to save the treaty by leading a drive to have it approved by the United Nations General Assembly in early next month. The Australians, with good contacts in the developing world, are marshaling a bloc of "Friends of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty," hoping to isolate India as much as possible and head off potential problems from others in the 189-member Assembly.

BARBARA CROSSETTE

The Nation

Why America's Ever-Fatter Kids Don't Go to Gym

By JACQUES STEINBERG

FEW memories of coming of age have the enduring sting of gym class: the sinking feeling of being the last player picked for a team, the valiant struggle to muster a chin-up or the failure to clamber even a few inches toward the ceiling up a bristly, seemingly endless rope.

Given such experiences, it's not surprising that many gym-class alumni, now parents and educators, have been willing to tolerate cuts in physical education to pay for traditionally more pressing priorities like computer instruction. Likewise, it's a safe bet that their kids returning to school next week aren't too upset about the cuts either. But to health experts tracking the ballooning of America's increasingly sedentary children, the trend is a dangerous one.

The Surgeon General reported last month that only 25 percent of American high school

against their own target heart rates than each other.

"Lots of people don't understand that phys ed gives kids a healthier lifestyle," said Geraldine Tyler, who has taught the subject for 18 years in the New York City public schools, the last 11 at Bayside High School in Queens.

It has been nine years since Congress passed a resolution urging the nation's schools to offer physical education every day to every student, from kindergarten through 12th grade. But lawmakers provided no extra money to achieve the goal. Reaching it has become only more elusive as mandates in areas like special education have risen and tax revenues have fallen. (Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 forced many schools to add after-school sports teams for girls, to level the playing field with boys, but it had little impact on physical education programs.) Today only one state, Illinois, requires daily phys ed.

In Needham, Mass., an affluent suburb of Boston, school administrators decided in the spring to eliminate all physical education classes in the fourth and fifth grades, after residents voted down a referendum in April that would have added \$1.5 million in tax revenues to the \$25 million education budget. "I know it's the wrong thing to do," said the superintendent of schools, Dr. Patricia Ruane, "but we have to cut somewhere."

In New Jersey, the Education Department recently rejected a recommendation from a panel of teachers and parents that every student receive daily physical education, because school districts would have been unfairly required to pick up the tab.

And in New York, where for decades phys ed was taught daily in almost all the city's 300 high schools, perhaps 70 schools now do so. Some high schools have cut gym to the state minimum of two classes a week one semester and three the next to absorb sharp budget cuts. Other schools have trimmed students' gym schedules so that more class time can be spent meeting new math and science requirements.

"It's an issue of guns and butter," said John J. Ferrandino, superintendent for high schools in New York City. "When you have



Memories of this gym class at Broncksland Junior High in the Bronx in 1963 may have left little enthusiasm for spending on their own children's physical education.

to make hard decisions, you prioritize."

Physical education has come a long way since the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports was established during the Eisenhower Administration and set parameters for ranking students in the top 15 percent of American youth — 40 sit-ups by a 13-year-old girl in 60 seconds, for example.

Today many phys ed teachers have abandoned such performance-based standards, saying the benchmarks insure that all but a handful of students fail.

Just Do It

Reflecting that attitude, National Association for Sport and Physical Education, a teachers' organization, advises that a 13-year-old girl can complete as few as 18 sit-ups in 60 seconds to rank in a "healthy fitness zone." The competition inherent in after-school sports is eschewed in favor of the practical sports and health instruction that educators believe all students, athletic and non-athletic alike, require.

"We want people to know that to be a healthy person, they don't have to be an Olympic athlete or max the Presidential fitness test," said Dr. Judith Young, the association's director. In echoing that thinking, the Surgeon General's report concluded that "every effort should be made to encourage schools to require daily physical education in each grade."

One district that does not need persuading is the Montebello Unified School District in East Los Angeles, where daily physical education is required for the first three years of high school — one year longer than the state mandates. Sixty-five percent of seniors take a fourth year of P.E. as an elective.

Carolyn Thompson, a physical education teacher at Bell Gardens High School, relies on non-competitive activities like the "buddy run," in which students' pulse rates are measured but speeds are not. And she draws the line when it comes to choosing teams.

"The No. 1 sin in physical education is letting kids pick teams," Ms. Thompson said. "You could ruin a kid for life."

"I select the teams," she added, "and I do it on my computer."

Physical education loses in a competition for money.

students took daily physical education last year, down from 42 percent just five years ago. Four out of 10 high school students received no physical education at all last year. The declines are occurring at a time when, according to several studies, obesity rates among the young are increasing more rapidly than in the ever-chunky American population as a whole.

The cuts are all the more disappointing, the experts say, because the Surgeon General's report, which touts the benefits of moderate exercise, dovetails with an evolving, less competitive approach to physical education. In the gym class of the 1990's, the 600-yard run is out and aerobic dancing is in, and students are more likely to be pitted

Only No. 270 Really Counts

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putting Mr. Dole behind Mr. Clinton by only 10 points in California, nevertheless insist that they will fight there.

"Right now, today, we are playing hard in California and we are putting the resources there necessary," said Jill Hanson, Mr. Dole's political director. But when asked how much the campaign will spend, she left herself some wiggle room: "Those are determinations that are going to have to be made, to be determined when the time is right."

Republicans well remember when President Bush pulled out of California in 1992. He calculated, probably correctly, that he had no chance there. But his campaign's blatant neglect of California was blamed for the Republicans' loss of many of the state's Congressional seats in 1992. And coattail considerations aside, the Dole forces calculate that the longer they keep the Clinton camp guessing, the more likely it will spend money in California that it might better spend elsewhere.

That's a Tall Story, Cowboy

Or consider Texas. White House and Democratic officials refuse to cross the Lone Star State off their public list, although it is highly doubtful that Mr. Clinton will prevail there. As one White House official put it, "We'll compete there — not in a strategy to win the state but to make Dole work for it."

Ronald Reagan and George Bush, in his victorious 1988 campaign, enjoyed what is called an Electoral College "lock" with a virtually guaranteed base of Western and Southern votes. But because Mr. Dole still has not caught up to Mr. Clinton in the polls, the Democrats for the moment are in the unaccustomed position of having the advantage. Seizing this opportunity, they for months have spent millions of dollars on TV commercials to build up leads in states that aren't even on the Democrats' must-win list — like Florida, New Mexico, Colorado and Washington.



Candidates Clinton and Gore last week at a rural black church in Tennessee destroyed by arson.

By contrast, Mr. Dole is behind in so many states that he needs to raise his popularity nationally before he can embark on a state-by-state strategy. And the entry of Ross Perot as the Reform Party candidate could make it a tougher fight for Mr. Dole in states like Florida and Texas. As Donald Devine, a Dole adviser, wrote in *The Washington Times* in February: "If it is a three-way race, the odds go strongly in the Democrats' direction."

Indeed, Democrats are jubilant. "The difference right now is that the Democrats have an electoral base and the Republicans really don't — they have to reinforce their base," said Mark A. Siegel, a Democratic expert on the Electoral College. Referring to Mr. Kemp's popularity in his two home states, he added, "If they want to think the Kemp nomination is going to salvage New York or California for them, let them."

But Ms. Hanson warned Democrats not to be overconfident. "When I see a new round of data," she said, "we'll see, in states that were probably soft Dole states, they will be firmly in our column."

By relying on history and interviews with campaign strategists — and by examining where the campaigns have pumped their ad money thus far — it is possible to spin scenarios showing how Mr. Clinton or Mr. Dole could rack up the states to push themselves over the top.

The Democratic Way

The Democrats' route to the White House begins, and ends, with California, with the largest cache of electoral votes, 54. The state is so crucial to Mr. Clinton that he has practically made it a second home. The common wisdom is that the Democrats cannot win without California, though Republicans could win by scraping together enough smaller states. Mr. Clinton is also counting on Democratic strongholds in the Pacific Northwest like Washington and Oregon, and New York and Pennsylvania in the Northeast. Mr. Clinton is also hoping to hold on to at least one of the two important states in the Mountain West that he won in '92 that now are by no means sure bets: New Mexico and Colorado.

That sets up a battle in the industrial Midwest over states like Michigan, Ohio and Illinois as well as two other toss-up states, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The Democrats are also campaigning hard in Florida and North Carolina, two states that usually go Republican — as they did four years ago. But Mr. Clinton nearly won Florida four years ago, and if he does this time, by appealing to retirees and anti-Castro Cuban-Americans, there will be less of a need for a clean sweep of the Midwest.

Republicans, meanwhile, have set their sights on several states that Mr. Bush carried in 1988 but barely lost four years later: Colorado, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Nevada, Ohio and Tennessee.

To start with, Mr. Dole expects to claim a clear swath down the midsection of the country, from the Dakotas to Nebraska to Mr. Dole's home state of Kansas to Oklahoma and Texas. Mr. Dole's partisans are also counting on traditional Republican strength in the Western states of Idaho, Utah and Arizona. The Republicans also anticipate a strong showing in the South, where they expect to hang on to Florida despite Mr. Clinton's intensive efforts there, and hope to capture Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, the Carolinas and Virginia.

If the Republicans succeed in staking out the party's base, that would set up a battle over swing states, especially in the Midwest. The party hopes that the Republican Governors who dominate the Midwest states will insure Mr. Dole victory. Ohio is widely viewed as the Republicans' best shot for a big win. But there would also be competition for Michigan, Wisconsin and other contested states like New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

"We're killing them everywhere," Mr. Sosnik said of the President's dominance in the latest polls. But he quickly reminded himself that at this stage the electoral map had better be drawn in pencil, not ink: "I don't think a meaningful discussion about the electoral map can even begin until the second week of September." The discussion may not be meaningful, or prophetic, but the calculations, and the feinting, began long ago.

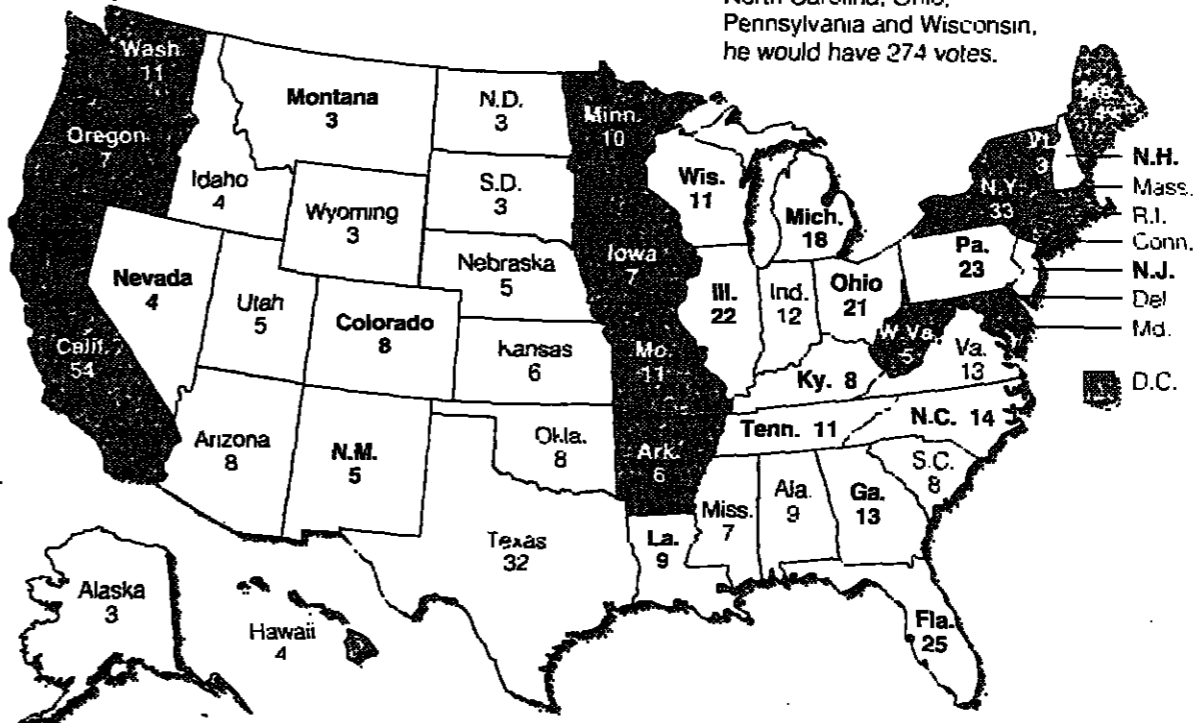
The Real Race

It is the Electoral College, not the popular vote, that chooses the President. Each state has as many votes as it has U.S. Senators and Representatives. To win, a candidate must receive a majority of the 538 votes. Electors are required to cast their votes for the winner of the popular vote in every state except Nebraska and Maine. In a tight race, Republicans have a built-in advantage because sparsely populated states, most of which tend to vote Republican, are overrepresented in the Electoral College.

How the Numbers Could Work for Each Side in 1996

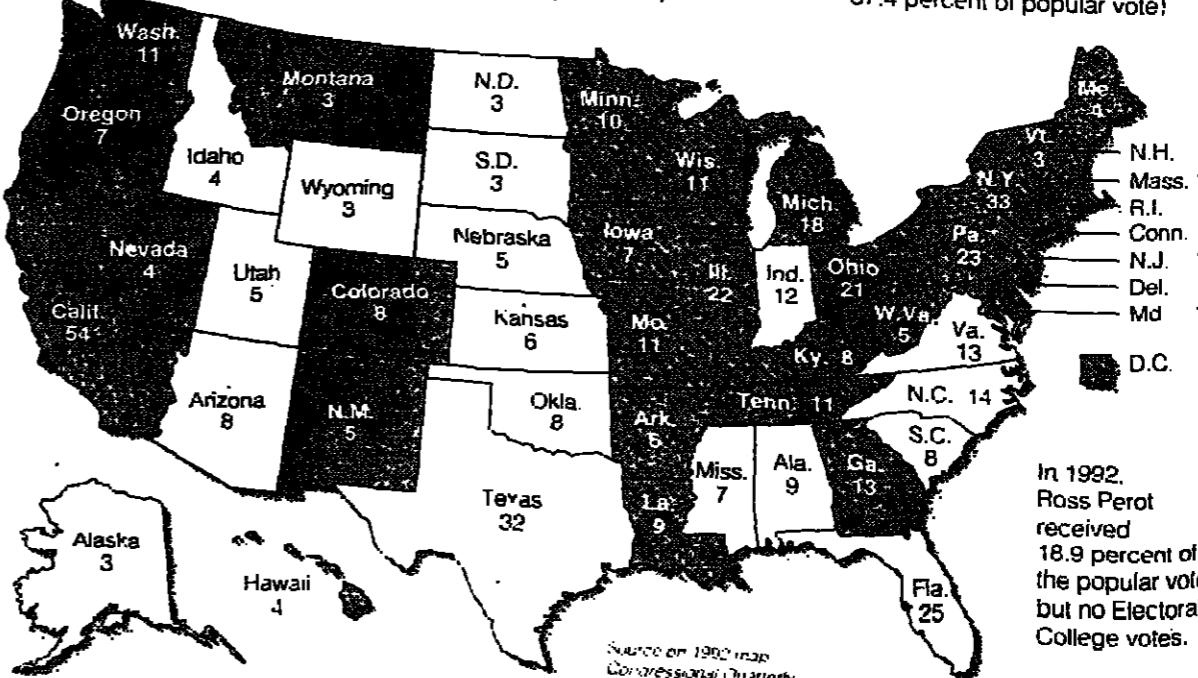
To win, a candidate needs 270 votes or more.

- States Bill Clinton is counting on: If he also won Georgia, Illinois, Michigan, New Mexico and Pennsylvania, he would have 276 votes.
- States Bob Dole is counting on: If he also won Colorado, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, he would have 274 votes.
- Contested states: N.H. 4, Mass. 12, R.I. 4, Conn. 8, N.J. 15, Del. 3, Md. 10, D.C. 3.



How the Race Played Out in 1992

States Bill Clinton won (total 370 Electoral College votes; 43.0 percent of popular vote). States George Bush won (total 168 Electoral College votes; 37.4 percent of popular vote).



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ECONOMY

The Dark Side of a Magical Metal

By BARRY MEIER

AROUND 1986, Dr. Lee Newman and fellow researchers in Denver got the first warnings of a troubling discovery: A workplace illness thought to have been largely defeated was flourishing.

The resurgent health threat was chronic beryllium disease, or C.B.D., a potentially fatal lung ailment that afflicts only the small minority of people whose immune systems are susceptible to beryllium, apparently because of their genetic makeup.

In the 20 years leading up to Dr. Newman's findings, only a handful of C.B.D. cases among workers were reported annually to health authorities.

sure limits, a top company executive told Brush Wellman directors in 1990 that maintaining Federal standards as the legal authority on beryllium's toxicity was essential to "successfully defending" the company against lawsuits, according to a copy of the presentation.

Brush Wellman officials deny that they did anything wrong and maintain that for decades they have been at the forefront of C.B.D. research.

In an annual filing recently to the Securities and Exchange Commission, Brush Wellman said it was a defendant in numerous lawsuits filed by employees, former employees and employees of customers claiming health problems from beryllium exposure.

Beryllium, which is extracted from ore and processed into various forms, is an extraordinary material, lighter than aluminum and six times stiffer than steel.

Her husband, who still works at the Elmore plant, has not developed C.B.D. But the cost of Mrs. Mason's exposure to much smaller doses of the metallic dust became apparent in 1989. She said she experienced severe rib pain and eventually was sent to Dr. Newman after she had been misdiagnosed several times.

Recognizing beryllium's extreme toxicity, Federal officials set a tough workplace standard in 1949, limiting average workday exposure to the metal to two micrograms per cubic meter of air.

In the mid-1980's, just as Brush Wellman was celebrating C.B.D.'s supposed eradication, events were already unfolding that would shatter that assumption.

Dr. Shogo Shima, a medical consultant to NGK Industries, a Japanese beryllium producer, reported that he had found five Japanese workers with advanced cases of C.B.D. whose earlier exposures to beryllium had apparently been below the American limit.

below the Federal limit. In an interview, Mr. Powers said he and others had not mentioned Japanese findings during the inquiry, largely because the hearing focused on beryllium's cancer threat rather than on C.B.D.

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Brush Wellman officials were also becoming aware that the problem was worse than they had thought. Diagnosed cases of C.B.D. within the company had also started to swell, including some at a relatively new plant in Tucson, Ariz.

There appear to be several problems with the company's contentions. For one, Mr. Eisenbud said it seemed highly unlikely that every case of C.B.D. suffered by a secretary or other nonfactory employee could be attributable to a sudden, high exposure to beryllium.



An employee works at a Brush Wellman factory in Ohio.

made public in the late 1980's, the Coors Ceramics Company, a unit of ACX Technologies Inc. that purchased beryllium from Brush Wellman, took up the question of whether to test its employees.

Further muddying the scientific debate over safety was another little-mentioned factor. Brush Wellman apparently had little idea of the extent of the beryllium contamination inside its own factories.

In retrospect, some Government officials said they believed that some evidence questioning the Federal standard had emerged years ago.

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Also, no one really knows at what level the disease process can be initiated. The company's own executives acknowledged in an interview that they could not measure with accuracy the exposure to the metal by workers with C.B.D.

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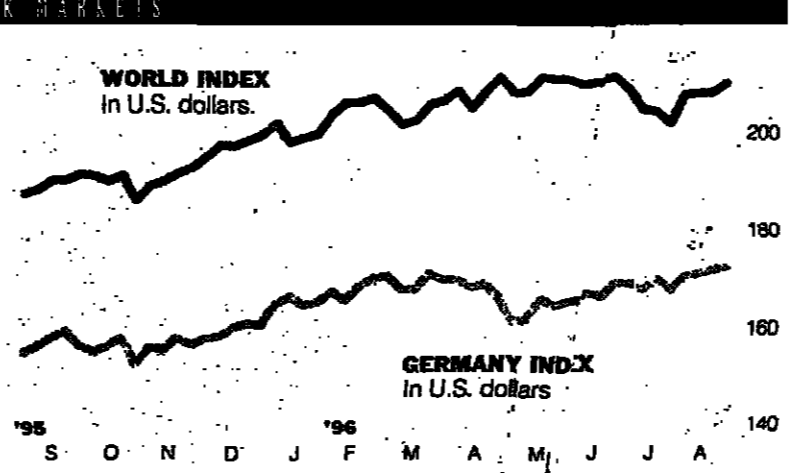
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Clinton Does Battle With Chicago '68

Liberties

MAUREEN DOWD

Semi-Soul Brothers

By Paul Berman

Every now and then, one of America's political parties finds a perfect accusation to throw at its electoral enemies — an accusation so devastating and impressive that whole generations have to come and go before the charge loses force.

The greatest example was the accusation that was lodged against the Democrats in 1864, in the middle of the Civil War. Abraham Lincoln and the Republicans accused the Democrats of being the party of Southern secession, and the charge proved so effective at the polls that the Republicans kept repeating it for decades to come. In that manner, during the entire period from Lincoln's day until 1912, the Republicans won the White House in 11 out of 13 elections.

The Democrats came up with an accusation of their own in 1932, at the depth of the Great Depression. Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Democrats blamed Herbert Hoover and the Republican Party for the economic collapse. It was an excellent accusation. The Democrats stuck with it for 40 years and more. And never once did they have reason to regret doing so.

The grand accusation that figures in the politics of today — the charge against which Bill Clinton has had to struggle (and lately he's done so with a lot of skill) — got its start in 1968. The Vietnam War, the race riots, the university uprisings and the assassi-

nations of President John F. Kennedy, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy meant that once again the country was in a bad way.

In that context, Richard Nixon and the Republicans gazed at the Democrats' 1968 convention in Chicago. They watched a Democratic constituency — the antiwar protesters — taunt the Chicago cops and get brained for doing it. And the grand new accusation, the devastating and impressive charge that has lasted for decades, went spilling from Republican lips. It was the accusation that Democrats encouraged lawlessness, drugs, sex, draft-dodging and college layoffs.

The accusation has proved hardy. Elections have come and gone since then, but the accusation rests eternal. If the personal attacks on Mr. Clinton have radiated an exceptional nastiness over these past four years, it is because the particular charges against him — the alleged womanizing, non-inhalation and draft-dodging — draw strength from the original complaint of 1968. (In the typology of scandals, Whitewater figures as more of a Republican-type affair and has no ideological underpinning.)

When Bob Dole responds to Mr. Clinton's birthday celebration by accusing the White House of being run by people from an "elite" who have never suffered and have never grown up, he is merely hitting the old accusatory note and in its classic generational form: the World War II veteran fuming at the Vietnam War protester from a fancy university. And when Mr. Dole says that he remembers a better America, everybody knows precisely when that long-lost world of his imaginings used to exist: before 1968, before the elite

layabouts with their low morals came on the national scene.

The charge that dates from 1968 differs from those of 1864 and 1932 in one important respect. In some corner of their partisan souls, the targets of those earlier accusations recognized their own guilt.

The 19th-century Democrats did bear a responsibility for the Civil War, as did the Republicans of the 1920's for the Great Depression and there was no point in claiming otherwise.

But what does the accusation from 1968 specify? It says that the antiwar

several advances for democracy and individual liberty and a certain spirit of cultural mayhem. They see a puzzling fondness for political stances that were often self-defeating. But they do not see the caricature offered by their accusers.

On the other hand, they do see how even their own accusers have benefited from the radical past. They see how at San Diego the same Bob Dole who regrets the disappearance of the pre-1968 America surrounded himself with symbols of the post-1968 era. For there was Gen. Colin Powell, who has done honor to, among other things, affirmative action. And there was Representative Susan Molinari, who has enjoyed the freedom to experiment with drugs in college (even though she now claims to regret this action), the freedom to walk away from her first marriage without opprobrium and the freedom to pursue a professional career. She is, to Democratic eyes, someone who has lived the life of a liberated woman, post-'68.

since he is the first Democratic leader whose past even remotely resembles the Republican caricature. But Mr. Clinton has responded by adopting the sort of maneuverability that allows him, when the Republicans prattle about family values, to out-prattle the prattlers — and, when the Republicans veer right, to veer one inch to their left.

The return to Chicago for this Democratic convention is bound to afford Mr. Clinton and his supporters a limitless opportunity for beating the Republicans to their own punch. For this week's scenes of former protesters hobnobbing with Chicago cops will be wondrous, and no room will be left for an angry accusation.

Democrats finally reclaim a mainstream image.

protest movement's low morals and lack of reverence for tradition and authority undid the culture of America, and that the consequences have been sociological: crime, illegitimacy, AIDS and so forth.

Yet when the former protesters and their cultural descendants, most of them currently incarnated as Democratic liberals, gaze back on the protest movement of the 1960's, they see something else.

They see two grand and admirable causes: the civil rights movement and the antiwar movement — surrounded by a constellation of other movements and impulses, not all of them admirable (though there are some people who insist on viewing everything as admirable). They see

So Democratic liberals examine the accusation against them and cannot really understand it; and they examine their accusers, whom they understand all too well, and they sputter. Which is to say the liberals are left befuddled and speechless, except for the feeble cry of hypocrisy, and they have been left that way since 1968.

In the years from 1968 until the Clinton era, the Democrats responded to the accusation against them by nominating, election after election, candidates of obvious rectitude. But having endured one too many electoral defeats, the Democrats came up with Mr. Clinton in 1992.

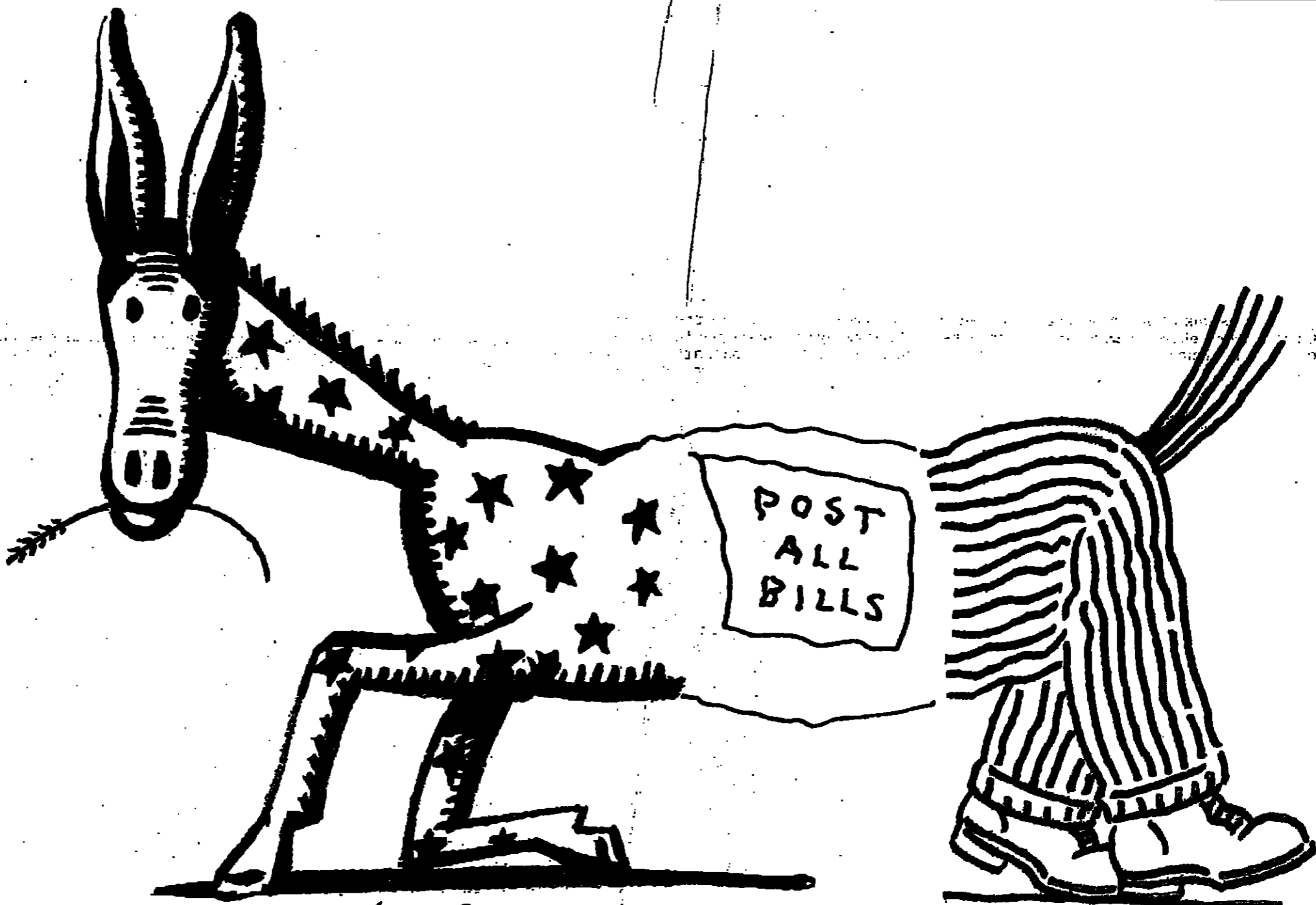
You might suppose that he would be the most vulnerable of candidates.

Naturally, Mr. Clinton's maneuverings do not always endear him to his party's traditional constituents — me, for example. But Mr. Clinton has learned from Richard Nixon that winning and being loved are not the same thing.

The Republicans see that, too. They hurl the word "waffling" in Mr. Clinton's face. After the President signed the unfortunate welfare bill last Thursday, Mr. Dole complained that the President is "ideologically adrift." But Mr. Clinton is bound to think: So what? To accuse a man of drifting is not like accusing him of undermining the national morality.

On the contrary, the complaint about drifting shows that here is a genuinely clever politician, the first on the Democratic side in a long time — someone with the talent to cope with the Republican accusation that for almost 30 years has dealt so many defeats to the Democrats. □

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An audience Bob Dole can relate to.

Both parties have been using blacks as props, while endorsing programs that would hurt minorities. In San Diego, in an effort to camouflage its punishing platform, Republican convention managers filled the stage and videos with black faces. Newt Gingrich quoted Martin Luther King Jr. and appeared in a video surrounded by black kids. Virginia, casting its votes, shamelessly proclaimed itself "the home of Arthur Ashe."

President Clinton made sure to have a black former welfare mother introduce him when he signed the welfare bill that will fall particularly hard on black children.

Any other year, it would have been the Republican signing the bill to abolish welfare and the Democrat coming to court black journalists. But this year, Bill Clinton did not show up here. He was in Washington, taking the obvious and easy political road, going after white suburban support at black inner-city expense.

And Mr. Dole was moving in the other direction, trying to force Mr. Clinton to protect his base, and reassuring those moderate Republicans who might nurse quiet prejudices but wouldn't want to be associated with a party that could be branded racist. He is trying to emulate Ronald Reagan, who put a smiling inclusive face on an Administration that was anything but.

Mr. Dole ended up here after he snubbed the N.A.A.C.P., saying he preferred an audience "I can relate to." He expressed regret for that. But he defended his conservative shift on affirmative action. It was hard to tell if he was making a case to those in the room, or if his real targets were the white voters who would see the speech on television.

Whatever the strategic machinations and the flips of Mr. Dole and Mr. Kemp on the issue, it was a powerful message to tell the crowd that Democrats should not "simply assume ownership of the African-American vote," and to acknowledge that "Republicans were sometimes on the sidelines of struggles when they should have been at the center."

And certainly it was nicer to listen to this attempt at harmony than the attempts at disharmony in '88, when it was not Lincoln Republicans evoked on the campaign trail, but Willie Horton.

Thomas L. Friedman is on vacation.

My Five Minutes With 'Da Mare'

By Ward Just

WEST TISBURY, Mass. In the summer of 1959 there was a problem at the Chicago bureau of Newsweek. The political season was under way and no one in the office had Mayor Richard J. Daley's ear.

Whatever was going to happen at the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles the following summer and in the Presidential election would depend to no small degree on what The Man in City Hall thought and did. Kennedy? Humphrey? Adlai again? At the time his cards were so close to his vest as to be invisible. All that was known for sure was that he hated Richard Nixon even more than he hated reporters.

What a bonanza for the magazine if one of us could win his confidence, then persuade him to tip his hand. But we had no way in. The bureau chief, who had a reputation as a reporter with an abundant supply of juicy quotes and anecdotes (as the phrase at the magazine was then, and perhaps still is), was especially vexed.

It is not hard to convey the persona of Richard J. Daley, "Da Mare," the Boss of Bosses. He was then a purely local figure, a colossus in his own realm but not widely known else-

where. He seemed to combine the authority and mystery of Stalin with the all-seeing eye of your mother. Weeks would pass without a sighting, then he would erupt in the pages of The Tribune or The Daily News de-

Daley couldn't understand why he wasn't re-elected unanimously.

nouncing some slander on the city's good name — the usual charges of payoffs, vote fraud, extortion or racketeering. Such accusations were, in his memorable phrase, "unwarranted stunts." He drew no distinction between his city and the machine; they were the same thing.

The health of Chicago was always superb and improving and would be more superb still if his ill-informed enemies would shut up. Why, the city was booming. Everyone could see the splendid results: old buildings torn down, new buildings put up. Everyone was sharing in the city's renaissance.

Daley believed he had contrived a pie with an infinite number of slices; a slice was yours for the asking, so long as you agreed to do the right thing at election time. I think he could not understand why he was not elected unanimously or, indeed, why mayoral elections were needed at all.

The pie was so large, and it was perversely to refuse your slice.

These are the facts as I remember them today. Perhaps they were not so clear in my mind in the summer of 1959 when I reported for work at the Newsweek bureau. I was 23 years old. What I didn't know would fill an encyclopedia. But I thought I had the solution to the magazine's problem.

Chicago was then turned in on itself, landlocked, the bathtub called Lake Michigan not a way out but a dead end. The region was caught in a cruel vise, the debauched coasts pressing in upon it and derisory of its "provincial squeamishness," in F. Scott Fitzgerald's phrase. Nothing squashed about Da Mare, but he had his share of prairie resentments. Newsweek would not be his mouthpiece of choice. (It has to be said that Time would have been even worse.)

But if somehow someone could find his ear or, better yet, lead him to that ear — well then, wouldn't that be beneficial all around? The Mayor would have a megaphone to the out-

side world and that someone would have a solid gold source that would pay dividends in perpetuity.

My great-grandfather, George B. Swift, was Mayor of Chicago. Family lore has it that the great park in back of the Art Institute was to be named Swift Park until he insisted it be named for his personal hero, Gen. Ulysses S. Grant. Stories of Mayor Swift's tenure in City Hall were not plentiful but his benevolent spirit put in an occasional appearance at our dinner table.

Can it not be said that politics, like blue eyes or vast wealth, is a legacy that is passed on through the generations? Were not Richard J. Daley and I in a certain sense kin?

I believed that if we could only meet, long dormant ancestral memories would assert themselves and the Mayor and I would form the kind of friendship in which the cards are dealt face up — the kind of friendship in which you don't have to finish your sentences, so complete is the mutual confidence and understanding.

This Mayor needed a translator. And I was just the fellow to supply the language.

So I approached one of his aides and in due course a meeting was arranged. Five, six minutes, tops. I

remember the office as small and nondescript. The Mayor was not at all nondescript, a burly, heavy-faced, immaculately barbered figure who put out his hand, withdrew it at once and settled into his chair without a word.

Then he said, "What do you want?"

I said I wanted to meet him, admired him for years, et cetera, my own family, mother's side, Chicagoans for generations...

He looked at me sideways, his fingers on the lapel of his suit coat, the coat of a thick serge that could stop a machine gun bullet.

"As a matter of fact, my great-grandfather was Mayor of Chicago."

"That so? Which one?"

"George B. Swift."

"Republican, wasn't he?" the Mayor snarled, settling back in his chair, his fingers flicking an imaginary ash from his lapel. No need to ask who or what the ash represented.

I never saw him again. But in a few days I'll be watching his boy, Richie, chat up Mr. Tom and Mr. Peter and Mr. Dan and all the lesser Toms, Peters and Dons. And I'll reflect just how far the news has come in 37 years. Richie Daley will not be wearing a vest; and he doesn't hold any cards, either.

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MUSIC

Running From the Past: Pearl Jam's Eddie Vedder

By JON PARELES

IN 1996, politicians aren't the only ones running away from their past records. So are rock bands who worry about becoming too big and too predictable...

On Pearl Jam's fourth album, "No Code" (Epic), the band tries desperately to get away from the hard-rock muscle and deep-seated hooks that made it the most influential rock band of the 1990's.

In song after song, Eddie Vedder's lyrics grope for a way to escape a constricting identity. He wants "to transcend where we are," as he sings in "Who You Are," the album's first single.

On "No Code," the band rummages through rock, especially late-1980's rock, looking for a sequel to grunge. It's a scattered album, tentative and sometimes enervated...

Since the release of its first album, "Ten," in 1991, Pearl Jam has seen its music become the mass-marketed face of alternative rock, largely because of its sturdy power chords and Vedder's brassy baritone sound...



Jeff Ament, left, Eddie Vedder and Stone Gossard of Pearl Jam, the most influential rock band of the 90's—Asking the fans to let its new songs sink in slowly.

radio. "It's all just inadvertent imitation," the guitarist Stone Gossard sings in "Mankind," a mocking new wave rocker.

Vedder wasn't having much fun anyway. No rock star has seemed more publicly burdened by his vocation than Vedder. He devoted much of Pearl Jam's previous album, "Vitalogy" (1994), to agonizing over his relationship with the public and the music business...

After that album came a reality check, a reminder of a band's limited power in the business world. Pearl Jam challenged Ticketmaster, saying that the company had a stranglehold on the concert business and was overcharging fans...

America's most popular rock band had found a way to feel like an underdog anyway.

But it's determined to change its music. Only two rockers on "No Code" cling to the old Pearl Jam style. In "Hail Hail," the singer struggles to hold together a troubled romance ("Are we bound out of obligation? Is that all we've got?")...

Yet more of the album is deliberately muted. "Sometimes," another song about this singer trying to "seek my part," might easily have been

turned into a broad-shouldered rocker; it has a riff, a repeating vocal phrase and a bridge that could climb toward an arena-rock peak.

For most of the album, Vedder is isolated and morose, trying to cultivate detachment or to comfort himself with psychobabble and music. In the 62-second "Lukin," a punky rant about being stalked by a fan, he howls, "Stop at the supermarket/ People stare like I'm a dog."

forgive yourself/ Makes much more sense to live in the present tense." Around the self-help platitude, the band is restless and mercurial...

It's not the only song in which the music is smarter than the words. In "I'm Open," Vedder recites a portrait of someone lying in bed depressed, hoping to "dream up a new self," but it's saved from its own pretensions by the band's chiming, tolling accompaniment...

Ball," on which he was backed by Pearl Jam. The band must be impressionable; "Smile," starts out as a straightforward Young imitation, complete with harmonica...

Vedder isn't hiding his worries on "No Code." But too often, he falls into American culture's Disney syndrome, idealizing childhood innocence above all. The album's last song, "Around the Bend," is a lullaby in which the singer tells a sleeping child, "How I want your soul to keep."

FILM

From TV to Jane Austen

By TODD S. PURDUM

IT IS 10 o'clock in the morning, and Douglas McGrath is still waking up. "Any time before noon is a shock for me," he says generally as he contemplates the breakfast menu in the sunny dining room of the Four Seasons Hotel in Georgetown.

This particular morning, Mr. McGrath could be forgiven for being in shock. He has just made his directorial debut with "Emma," one of the most ballyhooed movies of the year, for which he also wrote the screenplay. Last night, he flew in from his home in Manhattan to preview it at the White House, and sat next to the President of the United States.

"The Flapjack File" is a devastating send-up of President Clinton as a waffling fat-food fanatic married to someone known as Mrs. Rodham Flap and attended by a key aide referred to only as "Mr. Steph."

But Mr. McGrath is neither too tired nor too shocked to be funny this morning. His eye alights on a low-fat selection billed as "birchermuseli," a concoction of grains, nuts and lemon juice, and his lips pickle and his high forehead furrows in a frown.

Mr. McGrath offers up a constant stream of epigrams, aphorisms, witticisms and adverbial asides like "funny enough," all delivered with perfect diction in the driest of deadpan. He long ago learned that he could make money being funny and he has the résumé to prove it.

How a wittily droll writer became director of 'Emma.'

Live," and after more than a decade kicking around in the business, he hit the big-time in 1994 writing the Oscar-nominated screenplay for "Bullets Over Broadway" with Woody Allen.

He is also nothing if not self-confident. He proposed to direct "Emma" with practically no directing experience since his college days, and his next project is to be a one-man political satire off-Broadway. Still, that is a long way from Jane Austen's effervescent comedy of 19th century manners.

"I thought when it opens, there'll be a window, but a little one — and it'll be open for about one second — when people think, 'Hey, who's this guy working with Woody, and what else does he have and what else does he want to do?'" Mr. McGrath recalled. "And I thought I should have something that would be harder to sell in a normal time, when I haven't just collaborated with a big genius.

"I thought Jane Austen would be a good collaborator," he continues, "because she writes, you know, superb dialogue, she creates memorable characters, she has an extremely clever skill for plotting — and she's dead, which means, you know, there's none of that tiresome arguing over who gets the bigger bun at coffee time."

Mr. McGrath took his screenplay to the folks at Miramax, which had released "Bullets Over Broadway." They bit, and even agreed to let him direct. Next thing he knew, Mr. McGrath was in England for a rigorous 41-day shooting schedule, shepherding a sterling British cast led by one celebrated American ringer, Gwyneth Paltrow.

"If I hadn't been told, I would never have known that he was a first-time director," said Toni Collette, the Australian star of "Mouliet's Wedding" who plays Harriet

Smith, the object of Emma's well-intended but disastrous romantic scheming. "His passion to adapt the novel brought about a certain empathy. He knew what he wanted, he was so calm, so specific. I can't say enough good about him."

The closest Mr. McGrath came to Austen growing up was the town in Texas, where his father, a transplanted Connecticut Yankee, was an oil producer in Midland. But he says he feels comfortably familiar with the novelist's tight little slice of genteel British life in which Emma Woodhouse, matchmaker and meddler, comes to learn just how much she has to learn.

"I don't really think her world and Woody's world are so different," he says. "It's a pretty small circle of society that they look at, the characters are very articulate in both worlds, they are usually, you know, fairly well to do, they have a great gift for speech and yet at the same time, no gift for actually understanding themselves at all. Nobody sees a shrink in her books, but other than that they're not so far apart in a total way."

Mr. McGrath got his start in college writing original musicals for the Princeton Triangle Club, the venerable troupe whose alumni range from F. Scott Fitzgerald to James Stewart and Jose Ferrer. While others concentrated on the club's annual spring extravaganza, Mr. McGrath wrote and directed two smaller fall offerings, a first for the group.

"He made some statement I saw recently writing them off as youthful works, as opposed to his biting wit now," says Clark Gesner, a fellow Triangle graduate trustee and the author of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." "But they were sweet and tender and romantic, beautifully crafted little cameo musicals."

From there, Mr. McGrath wound up at "Saturday Night" during the first fallow year after John Belushi, Dan Aykroyd and company left, a time he says that "helped teach the nation it wasn't such a good idea to hurry home from that party and watch the show."

ASPIRATIONS

By RICHARD SILVESTRI / Edited by WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS
1 Stretch
6 Adventure story
11 Understands
17 Event at Lillehammer
18 Dazzle
19 Variety of hornless beef cattle
21 Nathan after sunbathing?
23 Sidshow collection
25 Garfield's middle name
26 Ending with talk
27 Like Lorraine, of song
28 Certain child: Abbr.
29 Elvis's record label
30 Fair offering
31 Worked on pumps
32 Retail
33 A person
35 Exhortation to a tailor?
37 One from the heart
38 Cologne crowd?
39 Historic caravan
40 Yahoo
41 1919 Peace Nobelist
42 Begins to brighten
44 Econ. yardstick
45 Soapstone constituent
46 Drop-leaf table feature
49 Expected
50 Stay away from
52 Book after Joel
53 Cleared the tape
57 Scissors alternative?
59 Pusher catcher
60 Musicians Jackson and Puente
61 Deflect, with "off"
62 Bring down the house
63 Not so important
64 Bomber letters
65 Backpacker's slogan?
67 City near Milwaukee
68 Salon treatment
69 Red in the middle
70 Citrus cooler
71 Dependable source of income
72 Rather
74 Priority, in poetry
75 "I've — Be Me" (1969 hit)
76 Some kibbutzniks
79 Firm
81 Ocean filer
82 Walkway for Plato
86 School
87 Pebble Beach bunker material?
89 Gardening sci.
90 Straight: Prefix
91 Strips for breakfast

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1 through 108 indicating starting positions for across and down clues.

- DOWN
1 Part of the Superchief
2 Harried routine
3 Longa (ancient city)
4 "Cheers" character
5 Comic Philips
6 Blue wildflowers
7 Spiny ant eater
8 Worked like a dog
9 Spun yarn
10 Time for les vacances
11 Cur
12 Turn in
13 Supplementary
14 Polish partner
15 Kitty
16 Fox sci-fi series
17 In a trap
20 Shed
22 Distorting
24 Nubian Desert locale
27 Carnaby Street locale
31 It may be full
32 Dish akin to three-alarm chili?
34 Tanner's monthly supply?
35 Single
36 Doubleday of baseball
37 Have a bug
41 Peter out
43 Round at the Duck and Drake
44 Sacajawea, for one
45 Play "My Dog Has Fleas"
48 Outfit
47 Leave the depths
48 Siberian native
49 "— schön"
50 Quench
51 Harass the pledges
53 Hyperactive
54 Home of the Black Bears
55 Turnkey
57 Leave it to him
58 Fall preceder?

- 61 Lacking fizz
63 It's rigged
65 Flower of one's eye?
66 Roaring Camp creator
67 M.P.A.A.-approved
71 Imply
73 Cry of contempt
74 N.F.L. broadcaster
75 More lush, in a way
76 Bristol dance
77 Kind of photography
78 Much of the "liad"
79 Plant
80 Chinese island now called Xiamen
81 Getty or Parsons
83 Spate
84 1983 World Series champs
85 Optimally
87 With a lid on
88 Moon valleys
91 Use a Jacuzzi
95 Best of the Beatles
96 Fictional Adam
97 Grand
98 Linen marking
100 Tour book feature
101 Shoot the breeze
102 Seventeenth-century date

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE. A grid of letters corresponding to the crossword puzzle solutions.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Monday, August 26, 1996

Carmel Bank plays down bid for Mercantile

CARMEL Mortgage Bank is proceeding in its efforts to search for opportunities to become a commercial bank...

Merhav wins \$500m. refinery upgrade deal in Turkmenistan

THE Merhav management and finance company announced yesterday that it has signed a \$500 million contract to upgrade the Turkmenbashi refinery in Turkmenistan.

Cracker, and financing a third new unit for processing lube oil. The first phase of the project has been awarded to Mannesman/KTI and financed by Deutsche Bank AG.

Turkmenistan is on the go in energy development, and we are proud to be part of this exciting process, said Maiman.

While experts believe the countries surrounding the Caspian will be the main oil and gas producers into the next century, there are still deep rifts between neighboring countries as to the westward routes gas and oil pipelines should take.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

800 people an hour shop at Ben-Gurion duty free shop: Over 1,500 shoppers visit the duty-free shops at Ben-Gurion Airport during the peak hours, on Monday and Thursday mornings...

Bank Hapoalim has opened a site on the Internet which provides banking and financial information. Visitors can receive information on all of the bank's services, as well as read the bank's economic surveys.

Export sales up 5.9% for metal and electricity manufacturers: Metal and electricity manufacturers reported a 5.9% increase in export sales in the first six months of the year to \$1.4 billion.

The statement was based on a survey of 170 factories, which export about 60 percent of the sector's total exports. According to the survey, the factories expected export sales to grow at least 11% in the first half of the year.

D&B: July indicators point to recession

JUDGING by its procurement managers' index (PMI) for July, which has declined to well under the 50-percent barrier, the Dun and Bradstreet financial data company said yesterday it is detecting recessionary signs in the Israeli economy.

Jerusalem Post Staff. This decrease in export volumes indicates that the slowdown in the economy is becoming more acute and heralds the beginning of a recession, said Zeev Dekel of Dun and Bradstreet Israel.

The index clearly points to an ongoing downward trend in Israeli industrial export since the beginning of the year, Dekel added. The July decrease came after a slight climb in the PMI during the May-June period, which was attributed mainly to seasonal factors.

Private helicopters to seek stolen vehicles

THE Chimir aviation company will deploy five of its helicopters to help in the hunt for stolen vehicles, as part of a new agreement with Iuran, which manufactures computerized car-tracking devices.

off from designated bases. (Beersheba, Kiryat Gat, near Kalkilya, the North and Herzliya) can reach the usual routes taken by thieves within 10 minutes much quicker than other methods. Simultaneously, police will be informed to arrest thieves, since Iuran personnel have no powers of arrest.

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Clal Insurance profit up 55%

CLAL Insurance Enterprises Holdings announced a 55 percent increase in net profits for the second quarter, mainly as a result of a turnaround in the car insurance field, which benefited from the drop in car thefts.

COMPANY RESULTS GALIT LIPKIS BECK. First six months of the year jumped to NIS64.16m. from NIS52.4m.

Management attributed the dramatic improvement to changes in the general insurance sector, which was influenced by higher earnings from car insurance.

Koor sells 66% of Sefen for \$12m.

KOOR has signed an agreement to sell 66 percent of its Sefen subsidiary, a Jordan Valley based saw mill and wood product company, to Eitz Lavud, wood-product company, for \$12 million.

laminates used in the production of printed circuit boards for the electronics industry. Eitz Lavud produces decorative and industrial wood products, using similar know-how and infrastructure to those of Sefen.

Ports and Railways Authority (Port of Eilat) Tender with Negotiation (announcement), No.8/Nun-Aleph/96

The Ports and Railways Authority - Israel (Port of Eilat), (hereinafter: the Authority) invites bids for a tender involving negotiation (hereinafter: the procedure) to obtain rights over land for planning, building and operating a guest facility, "The Port House" (hereinafter: "The Port House"), to include guest rooms, public and service areas for guests of the facility.

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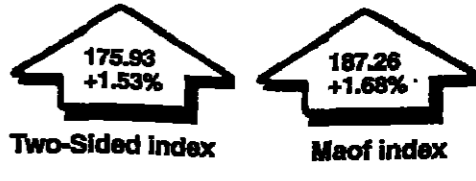
Lloyd's appeals after US judge blocks reorganization plan

RICHMOND, Va. (Reuters) - A US district judge issued a preliminary injunction over the weekend delaying the reorganization plan of insurance giant Lloyd's of London...

Lloyd's were "securities" in part because Lloyd's has more than 500 Names and total assets of more than \$10 billion...

Optimism on rate cuts boosts stocks

STOCKS jumped for a second straight session yesterday as investors were optimistic that the central bank would cut interest rates when it sets policy today...



Oil in demand, other items see little trade

LONDON (Reuters) World commodity prices mostly ended a dull week little changed on Friday but with crude oil close to its highest level for four months on signs of firm demand...

Indian official: Phone privatization to proceed

NEW DELHI (Reuters) - India will not allow a widening corruption investigation focusing on a former government minister to slow an ambitious telephone privatization program, a minister was quoted as saying over the weekend...

Taiwan plans to curb China investment if relations deteriorate

TAIPEI (Reuters) - Taiwan is prepared to restrict local manufacturers' investments in China if relations between Taipei and Beijing deteriorate, a local evening newspaper reported yesterday...

China forex reserves rise to 2nd in world

SHANGHAI (Reuters) - China boasted the world's second largest foreign exchange reserves at a record \$90.8 billion in July, surpassing Taiwan but still far behind Japan's massive external reserves...

Italian deputy premier: Rethink Maastricht

ROME (Reuters) Italy's deputy prime minister was quoted yesterday as saying European countries should consider the possibility of re-thinking the criteria for European Monetary Union (EMU)...

TEL AVIV STOCKS table with columns for Multi-sided trading, Two-sided trading, AFTERNOON, and MORNING. Lists various stocks and their prices and volume changes.

BBC call for higher fees wins little sympathy

EDINBURGH (Reuters) - A call from the BBC for Britons to pay more for its services received a frosty response over the weekend from politicians and media industry figures...

BRIEFS: Jurisdiction duty free shops... Thursday mornings... plan to double the number of shops...

to seek: designated to... routes... 10 minutes...

Treasury asks banking sector for \$200 million: Jerusalem Post Staff

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WHAT'S ON

CRITIC'S CHOICE

POP

HELEN KAYE

ICELANDIC singing sensation Bjork first came here last year. She's back to sing a new program, but she's sure to include the hit single "Army of Me" that's on the Tank Girl movie soundtrack.

JAZZ

HELEN KAYE

COURTNEY Pine is the opening headliner at 8 p.m. for the 10th anniversary Red Sea Jazz Festival, which starts today in the port of Eilat.



The Red Sea Jazz Festival gets underway with British saxophonist Courtney Pine and band.

Still, despite its dubious status as a state-of-the-art showpiece, the movie is fun, and for all the most retrograde reasons: a clever script, some lively characters and the warm, familiar voices of the lead actors.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE Tel Hai Piano Masterclasses reach their conclusion tonight (8) at the Tel Hai Rodman Regional College, as all participants play in the final concert of the most successful events.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

*** TOY STORY — There's something more than a tad sterile and robotic about the look of this Walt Disney Pictures and Pixar Animation Studios release, the world's first full-length computer animated feature.

TELEVISION

CHANNEL 1

8:31 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Animals 8:30 Tom Cals 9:00 Gayd. Gal and Gali 9:15 Kalamira 9:30 Hudduckberry Farm 10:00 Little Women

CHANNEL 1

15:30 Zap on the Wave 15:35 Tom and Jerry 15:50 Zappers 16:00 Heartbreak

CHANNEL 2

10:00 National Geographic nature film - The Story of a Changing 11:00 Hanan and Natan (pt) 11:30 One Life to Live

JORDAN TV

15:05 Adventure on the Rainbow Pond 15:30 Piche Rich 16:00 Playblast 16:10

MIDDLE EAST TV

8:00 TV Shop 14:00 The 700 Club 14:30 The Cow and I (1961) - A French prisoner

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Presumed Guilty (1991) - Martin Sheen is a father trying to prove his son innocent of murder (pt) 13:05 The Strange

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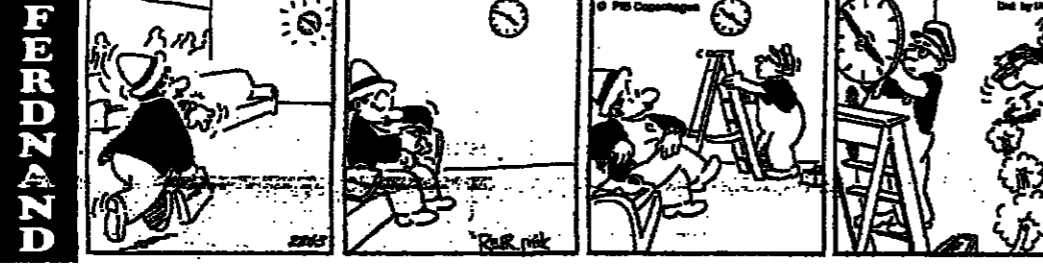
EWIS and Eyal Berkovitz will lead a squad today after arriving in England and Spain respectively.

Ponti axe

In matters of discipline, expressed himself in a letter, said Mannheim. "He has now come to dominate the club."

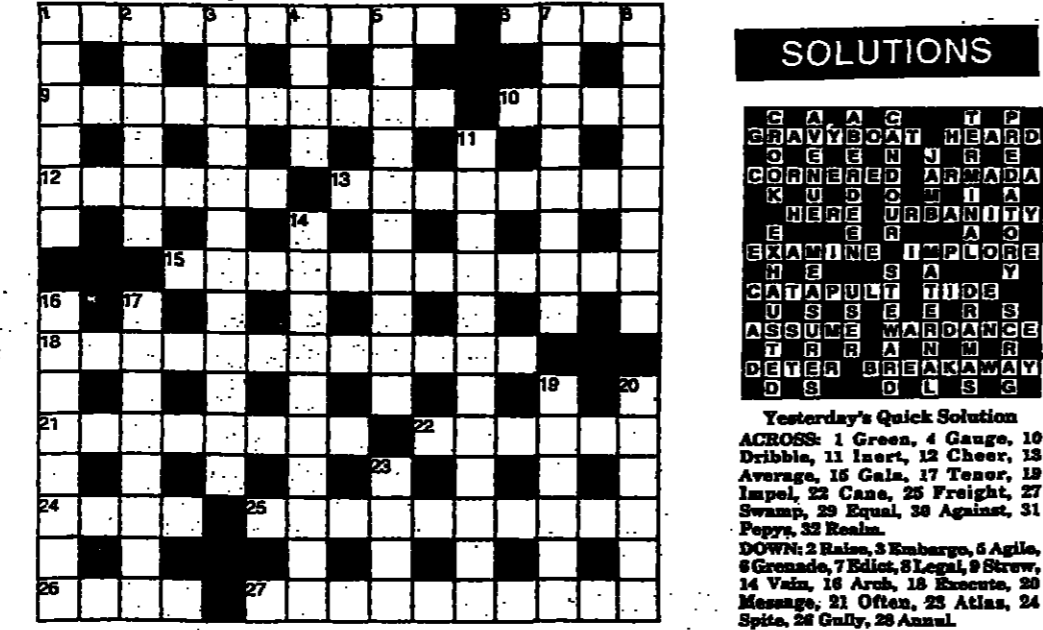
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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

- ACROSS 1 May I not put pressure on this kind of bridge? (10) 2 Drug from hard wood (4) 9 It should be visible, though it is indistinct (10)



SOLUTIONS

Yesterday's Quick Solution ACROSS: 1 Green, 4 Gauge, 10 Drizzle, 11 Inert, 12 Cheer, 13 Avenue, 16 Gala, 17 Tender, 18 Impel, 22 Case, 23 Freight, 27 Swamp, 28 Equal, 28 Against, 31 Foggy, 32 Beasts.

QUICK CROSSWORD

- ACROSS 1 Eternally (7) 5 Yellow resin (5) 8 Desert animal (5) 9 Southern state (7) 10 Underwater boat (9)

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Histadrut intends to fire 600 workers by end of year

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

THE Histadrut leadership is planning to fire 600 more workers from the labor federation apparatus and its labor councils by the end of the year, in an attempt to balance its budget.

The dismissals' timetable is due to be given to the federation's finance committee today. The Histadrut leadership maintains that the firings are necessary due to the organization's huge deficit.

At the same time, the Histadrut has hired 450 workers on personal contracts, to replace the hundreds on the collective wage agreement it has fired since the new leadership was elected some two years ago.

Histadrut union chairman Haim Haliwa said yesterday that the union has petitioned the labor court for an injunction to prevent the dismissals and intends to declare a labor dispute.

Haliwa said the 450 recently

hired workers are mostly political appointees of the new leadership, who were hired on the basis of coalition agreements. "While the Histadrut is preaching about necessary cutbacks, it is simply replacing them with political appointments, at the expense of workers who have given their life's work to the Histadrut and are now going to be thrown out," Haliwa said.

He noted that the Histadrut leaders are spending NIS 5 million a month on the unnecessary, unjustified move to Jerusalem, in addition to NIS 2.5 million a month on renovating the old Histadrut offices in Tel Aviv, which are to be leased in a few months.

"We won't agree to firing a single worker until the leadership proves that the dismissal is necessary and that first they are getting rid of the new workers they hired," Haliwa said.



Japanese Foreign Minister Yukihiko Ikeda and President Ezer Weizman meet at Beit Hanassi yesterday. (Brian Hendler)

Japanese FM: Israel must abide by land-for-peace formula

DAVID MAKOVSKY

JAPANESE Foreign Minister Yukihiko Ikeda believes that the Netanyahu government must adhere to a land-for-peace formula to advance Middle East peace talks, his spokesman said yesterday.

Ikeda met yesterday with President Ezer Weizman in Jerusalem and then with Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat in Gaza.

He is expected to meet separately today with Foreign Minister David Levy and Prime Minister Binjamin Netanyahu.

It remains unclear if Ikeda will bring a message to Netanyahu

from Syrian President Hafez Assad, with whom he met over the weekend.

Japan's ties with Israel have improved as the peace process has progressed.

Since the start of the peace process, there been several high-level visits between Japan and Israel, including a trip by prime minister Yitzhak Rabin to Tokyo two years ago and a visit by Japanese Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama last year just days before the signing of the Oslo II

accord.

Last year, Israel's exports to Japan reached \$1.315 billion and its imports (mainly cars) were \$938 million. This marked a \$333m. increase in exports over the year before, while imports declined by a slight \$24m.

Japan is Israel's second largest trade partner after the US.

Japan has agreed to open a Japan Export and Trade Organization (known by its acronym, JETRO) in Israel next month to promote economic ties.

Tokyo has provided economic assistance to Arab parties involved in the peace process. It has donated approximately \$100m. annually in various forms of assistance to the PA and is expected to continue to do so.

Over the weekend, Ikeda and Jordan's Prime Minister Abdul Karim Kabariti signed an accord for a \$7m. grant for Jordan to modernize the transit for Israeli-Jordan trade.

Japan has also provided \$340m. in soft loans and grants to Jordan in the last year, including a \$100m. loan to expand Jordan's largest power plant in Akaba.

WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear. Drop in temperatures.

AROUND THE WORLD

	LOW	HIGH	
Amsterdam	12	16	cloudy
Berlin	14	18	partly
Buenos Aires	21	27	clear
Chicago	14	17	clear
Copenhagen	15	18	cloudy
Frankfurt	12	14	cloudy
Geneva	14	17	partly
Helsinki	11	14	clear
Hong Kong	24	29	partly
London	14	17	cloudy
Los Angeles	18	21	partly
Moscow	13	16	cloudy
New York	17	21	clear
Osaka	18	22	partly
Paris	14	17	cloudy
Rome	16	19	clear
Sydney	17	21	partly
Tel Aviv	22	29	partly
Tokyo	18	22	clear
Toronto	16	19	clear
Zurich	12	16	partly

Supreme Court rules on women's rights for immigrants

EVELYN GORDON

A WOMAN may have rights to her husband's property even if they were married in a country where joint ownership of property is not the norm, the Supreme Court ruled yesterday.

The court was ruling on a dispute between Victoria and Simantov Nafisi, who married in Iran in 1944 and moved to Israel in 1983. In 1987, relations between the two deteriorated, and, though they did not divorce, Victoria asked the courts to award her equal rights to two bank accounts worth some \$320,000, which were opened in 1983 with money Simantov brought from Iran, and a Tel Aviv store Simantov bought in 1979. In 1991, the Tel Aviv District Court ruled that Victoria did have a right to this property, but the Supreme Court unanimously overturned this decision on appeal in 1994. Victoria then asked for a second hearing with an expanded panel of justices, and in this second hearing, the court reversed itself.

The case revolved around a 1973 law which said immigrant couples' property rights would be determined by the law of the country in which they were married unless they made a different contractual arrangement among themselves.

Justices Eliezer Goldberg, Aharon Barak, Dalia Dorner, Tova

Strasberg-Cohen, Mishael Chesbin, Shlomo Levine and Theodor Orr, with Eliahu Mazza and Zvi Tal dissenting, ruled that the Nafisis implicitly made such a contract upon immigrating to Israel.

Goldberg, who wrote the majority opinion, said the natural presumption is that an immigrant intends to adopt the laws and customs of the society to which he is immigrating. Therefore, he continued, in the absence of solid evidence to the contrary, it is logical to assume that Simantov intended for his wife to have equal rights in the bank accounts he opened.

The store presents a more complicated problem, since it was bought before the Nafisis moved here, Goldberg said. However, the couple had already decided to move here when the store was bought, so one can assume the couple had already made the decision to adopt an Israeli lifestyle, he said.

In their dissent, Mazza and Tal argued that this assumption empties the law of all meaning.

Had the Knesset intended Israeli property law to apply to all immigrants, it would have legislated accordingly, they said. However, the Knesset specifically rejected such a bill.

US resident arrested on Golan for violating national security

Jerusalem Post Staff

BASHAR Tarabieh, a US resident who arrived here two months ago to visit a village on his native Golan Heights, was arrested last week on suspicion of committing crimes related to national security, it was revealed yesterday.

Details of the case were released for publication in response to an appeal by reporters from Itim, Channel 2 and Ma'ariv.

Tarabieh was arrested early last Monday morning for allegedly setting fire to a police station in the village of Mas'ada, contacting a foreign agent and other crimes related to national security.

In seeking his extended remand, the police representative told the Acre Magistrates' Court that Tarabieh's crimes constituted serious threats to national security and that the investigation was difficult.

Human Rights Watch, an independent, US-based organization, on Saturday demanded the release of Tarabieh, a consultant to the organization. It said that Tarabieh was being subjected to ill treatment.

HRW Executive Director Kenneth Roth said, "The fact that interrogators have spent hours questioning Mr. Tarabieh about

his work for Human Rights Watch suggests they have no evidence that he has committed any offense.

"They have kept him in a contorted position with his hands and feet tied, and with a dirty sack over his head.

"Instead of mistreating and harassing him over his work to protect the rights of others, they should grant him his liberty immediately."

During an appeal of Tarabieh's detention on Friday in Haifa District Court, his lawyer requested that he be released on bail or transferred to house arrest, arguing that the detainee has no criminal or security record and poses no threat to national or public security.

The court denied the appeal, on the basis of secret information that was withheld from Tarabieh and his lawyer.

A hearing on further extension of his remand is scheduled to be held today.

Tarabieh's work for HRW focused on Saddam Hussein's genocidal campaign against Iraqi Kurds.

This research, in which he collaborated until 1995, was the subject of a long article in *Ha'aretz* on March 1, 1994.

Tarabieh has served more recently as a part-time translator and interpreter for HRW while working toward a degree at Temple University.

He is married to a US citizen and lives in the Philadelphia area.

Peres leaves for Morocco

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

FORMER prime minister and Labor Chairman Shimon Peres yesterday left on a private visit to Morocco, as the guest of King Hassan. Peres' wife Sonia and 13-year-old grandson Nadav are accompanying him.

On his departure, Peres rejected the criticism from the Likud and the Prime Minister's Office against his planned meeting with King Hassan, who rebuffed Prime Minister Binjamin Netanyahu's recent attempts to meet him.

"I decided to go on vacation to Morocco with [Sonia and] our

grandson after many years of not doing so," Peres said. "The king heard about it and said he would be happy to host us. All over the world parliamentarians from both governments and their oppositions visit and meet with foreign heads of state. What do they talk about, the weather? They discuss political issues."

Peres noted that nobody from the government had contacted him to ask him to postpone the visit or to advise him that Netanyahu is trying to meet with the Moroccan king.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Lung from accident victim transplanted
A lung from a young woman who was killed on a bicycle Saturday was transplanted yesterday by doctors at Tel Hashomer's Sheba Hospital into a 54-year-old woman suffering from severe lung disease. The parents of the girl, who was brought to Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital after the road accident, agreed to donate a number of organs; the others were taken for transplant in other hospitals. The donor had Type AB blood, found in only 3 percent of the population, and the recipients have the same type. *Judy Siegel*

Top entertainers to join protest rally against industrial zone
Leading entertainers are to join environmentalists in a rally near Kibbutz Kabri tonight to protest plans to establish an industrial zone in the Upper Galilee area.

The environmentalists, including hundreds of Jewish and Arab residents in the area, maintain that the proposed site is directly on top of natural springs and an underground reservoir, the main sources of drinking water for the area.

Alon Porat, a resident of Kilil village, said thousands of people are expected to participate in the rally, to be attended by leading Jewish and Arab singers and entertainers. *David Rudge*

Israeli wins 2nd prize in Jordanian contest
Israeli photographer Varda Polak-Sahn has won second prize in an international photography exhibition held in Jordan. The exhibition took place about a month ago, but Polak-Sahn only recently learned from the Foreign Ministry that she had won the prize, which is to be presented in Amman next month. *Haim Shapiro*

New check-in terminals to be set up
Transportation Minister Yitzhak Levy said yesterday that he would initiate the establishment of check-in terminals in the country's large cities in order to ease the delays at Ben-Gurion Airport. The terminals would provide all services to the passengers except for actual boarding onto the plane. In the plan's first stage, terminals would be set up in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa, and serve El Al passengers only. Later, this service would be extended to other airlines, the ministry said in a statement.

Levy noted that this year some 8 million passengers are expected to pass through Ben-Gurion, whose annual capacity is 4.5 million. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

China-Israel shipping deal scheduled
China and Israel are to sign a bilateral shipping agreement. The pact, scheduled to be signed here on October 16 by Transportation Minister Yitzhak Levy and his Chinese counterpart Huang Zhendong, will improve Israel's ability to compete internationally. *Ilim*

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